



THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT OF  
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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1 [REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

2 ON TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2015 ON PAGE 145]

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF  
7 SUPERVISORS JUNE 16TH, 2015 MEETING WILL COME TO ORDER. WE'LL  
8 FIRST BE LED IN PRAYER BY PASTOR JAMES MCKNIGHT OF THE  
9 CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP IN THE SECOND  
10 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AND OUR PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WILL BE BY  
11 ANA NORIEGA, MEMBER OF THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS POST NO.  
12 5 IN POMONA IN THE FIRST SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AND A PROUD  
13 VETERAN, 22 YEARS IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY. PASTOR?

14  
15 **PASTOR JAMES K. MCNIGHT:** LET US PRAY. PRECIOUS GOD, I COME  
16 BEFORE YOU TO PRAY TO SEEK YOUR FACE AND TO SEEK YOUR FAVOR.  
17 SURELY IN THIS PLACE WHERE SO MUCH THAT IS COMMENDABLE IS  
18 BEING DONE, IT'S RIGHT AND GOOD TO OFFER THANKS TO THOSE WHO  
19 ARE MEMBERS OF THIS AUGUST GOVERNING BODIES, FOR SUPERVISORS  
20 SOLIS, RIDLEY-THOMAS, KUEHL, KNABE AND ANTONOVICH. I OFFER  
21 THANKS AND I PRAY, LET LOVE AND WISDOM GUIDE THEIR HEARTS AND  
22 MINDS AS THEY GO ABOUT THEIR TASKS TODAY. MAY THEY CONTINUE TO  
23 ESTEEM HIGHLY THOSE WHOSE TRUST THEY HAVE EARNED BY BEING  
24 WOMEN AND MEN OF INTEGRITY. I PRAY THAT THOSE WHO WILL BE  
25 RECOGNIZED TODAY FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP, SERVICE AND EXCELLENCE

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1 WILL INSPIRE US TO ALL DO MORE, BETTERING THE LIVES OF OTHERS,  
2 ESPECIALLY THOSE LESS FORTUNATE. I PRAY THAT THIS WILL BE A  
3 PRODUCTIVE AND HARMONIOUS MEETING, ESPECIALLY WHEN THE  
4 CHALLENGING ISSUES OF HEALTHCARE, AFFORDABLE HOUSING, LIVING  
5 WAGE INCREASES AND THE SCOURGE OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING ARE  
6 DISCUSSED. LASTLY, I PRAY THAT ALL WHO PARTICIPATE TODAY, ALL  
7 WHO PARTICIPATE, WILL GIVE THOUGHT TO HOW BLESSED WE ARE TO BE  
8 A PART OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. TOGETHER WE ARE A BEAUTIFULLY  
9 DIVERSE TAPESTRY OF HUMANITY. AND FOR THIS AND SO MUCH MORE,  
10 GOD, I GIVE THANKS. LET THOSE IN AGREEMENT SAY AMEN.

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12 **ANA M. NORIEGA:** PLEASE REMAIN STANDING AND JOIN ME IN THE  
13 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS.

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17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. MAYOR AND  
18 COLLEAGUES. I'M PLEASED TO HAVE WITH US TODAY PASTOR JAMES K.  
19 MCKNIGHT WHO'S CURRENTLY THE SENIOR PASTOR OF THE  
20 CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP AND HAS SERVED  
21 ITS SURROUNDING COMMUNITY FOR THE PAST DECADE. HE EARNED A  
22 BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN ECONOMICS FROM PRITZKER COLLEGE,  
23 AND WE KNOW THAT INSTITUTION WELL. WE ALSO ARE FAMILIAR WITH  
24 THE FULLER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY WHERE HE EARNED A MASTER'S OF  
25 DIVINITY DEGREE. HE IS THE FOUNDER OF I.C.R.F. CONSULTING



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1 WHERE HE TRAINS AND TEACHES CONFLICT RESOLUTION TECHNIQUES.  
2 PASTOR MCKNIGHT WAS ORDAINED IN 2003 AND HAS ACCEPTED MANY  
3 ROLES, INCLUDING MEN'S MINISTRY LEADER, YOUTH PASTOR AND  
4 SENIOR PASTOR. HE'S A MEMBER OF SEVERAL ORGANIZATIONS. LISTED  
5 AMONG THEM WOULD BE SIGMA PI PHI. IN ADDITION TO THAT, WATTS-  
6 WILLOWBROOK BOYS & GIRLS CLUB. AND THEN YOU KNOW SEE OR USE  
7 PRUDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. HE IS A MEMBER AND LEADER IN  
8 THE SECOND CALL, THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT'S CLERGY  
9 COUNCIL AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
10 SERVICES OFFICE OF A.I.D.S., PROGRAMS AND POLICIES. PASTOR  
11 MCKNIGHT HAS MADE HIS WITNESS KNOWN, AND WE ARE PROFOUNDLY  
12 APPRECIATIVE FOR THAT. HE HAS BEEN MARRIED TO JADE FOR SOME 25  
13 YEARS AND HAS TWO DAUGHTERS: RACHEL AND JADE. ALL RIGHT. SO WE  
14 WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO PASTOR MCKNIGHT FOR LEADING US THIS  
15 MORNING IN THE INVOCATION. IT IS ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE BOARD  
16 OF SUPERVISORS, PASTOR MCKNIGHT, THAT WE EXTEND OUR  
17 APPRECIATION AND PRESENT YOU WITH THIS CERTIFICATE AND  
18 ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF YOUR PRESENCE TODAY. [APPLAUSE.] AND RACHEL  
19 IS HERE TODAY, ONE OF HIS DAUGHTERS, A STUDENT AT BOSTON  
20 COLLEGE. GIVE HER A SHOUT OUT. WE'RE PROUD OF RACHEL THIS  
21 MORNING. THANK YOU SO MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

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23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS.

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1    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. I'M DELIGHTED TO THANK  
2    AND WELCOME ANA NORIEGA FOR HER LEADING US IN THE PLEDGE OF  
3    ALLEGIANCE. IT'S AN HONOR TO HAVE HER HERE TODAY. SHE'S LIVED  
4    IN THE DISTRICT FOR 53 YEARS. SHE GRADUATED FROM POMONA  
5    CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, CONTINUED HER EDUCATION AT WATERSON  
6    COLLEGE AND NORTHWEST COLLEGE IN WEST COVINA. AFTER ATTENDING  
7    SCHOOL, MS. NORIEGA SERVED OUR COUNTRY AS AN ARMY SPECIALIST 4  
8    IN THE IRAQ WAR FROM 2003 TO 2014. WHAT'S SURPRISING ABOUT  
9    THIS REMARKABLE WOMAN IS THAT SHE'S A GRANDMOTHER. SHE  
10   ACTUALLY JUST SHARED WITH ME HOW SHE HAS DEVOTED HERSELF TO  
11   HER FAMILY, AND YET SHE'S GIVEN US SO MUCH ALREADY IN TERMS OF  
12   HER SERVICE TO THIS COUNTRY AND ESPECIALLY A WOMAN. SO I AM  
13   VERY PLEASED AND HONORED THAT SHE'S HERE. ALONG WITH HER  
14   ACCOMPLISHMENTS, SHE'S ALSO RECEIVED MULTIPLE MEDALS,  
15   INCLUDING THE NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL, THE IRAQ  
16   CAMPAIGN MEDAL, THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM, THE ARMY  
17   COMMENDATION MEDAL, THE HUMANITARIAN SERVICE MEDAL AND THE  
18   ARMY GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL. SHE ALSO SERVES THE AMERICAN LEGION  
19   NO. 8 AND IS NOW WORKING AT THE D.A.V. POST NO. 5. WE ARE  
20   PROUD AND HONORED TO HAVE HER HERE WITH US TODAY LEADING US IN  
21   THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. THANK YOU SO MUCH, ANA NORIEGA.  
22   [APPLAUSE.]

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24   **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR:** GOOD MORNING, MR. MAYOR AND  
25   MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN ON PAGE 3 WITH

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1 PRESENTATION AND SET MATTERS. ON ITEM NO. S-1, SUPERVISOR  
2 ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO SEPTEMBER  
3 29, 2015. ON PAGE 4, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY  
4 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ON ITEM 1-D, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC  
5 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD AND ITEMS 2-D AND 3-D ARE  
6 BEFORE YOU.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SECOND,  
9 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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11 **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR:** ON PAGE 6, AGENDA FOR  
12 MEETING OF THE REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN PARK DISTRICT, ITEM 1-P,  
13 MEMBERS REQUEST THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 7, BOARD OF  
14 SUPERVISORS ITEMS 1-13. ITEM NO. 1, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC  
15 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 2 SUPERVISOR  
16 SOLIS AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE  
17 HELD AND ON THIS ITEM, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WILL ABSTAIN FROM  
18 THE VOTE. ON ITEM NO. 3, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT  
19 THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 4, THIS INCLUDES THE CHANGES AS  
20 POSTED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. AND ON THIS ITEM,  
21 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, RIDLEY-THOMAS AND KNABE AND MEMBERS OF THE  
22 PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 5,  
23 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED  
24 TWO WEEKS TO JUNE 30, 2015. ON ITEM NO. 8, SUPERVISOR KNABE  
25 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO JUNE 30,



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1 2015. ON ITEM NO. 9, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SOLIS WILL  
2 ABSTAIN FROM THE VOTE. AND ON THIS ITEM, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC  
3 REQUEST THAT IT BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 10, SUPERVISOR KNABE  
4 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO JUNE 30,  
5 2015. AND THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
6 ARE BEFORE YOU.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-  
9 THOMAS. SECOND WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

10

11 **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR:** ON ITEM NO. 15, A MEMBER OF  
12 THE PUBLIC, THIS IS ON PAGE 13, THE CONSENT CALENDAR, ITEMS 14  
13 THROUGH 51. ON ITEM NO. 15, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS  
14 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 16, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC  
15 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 20, SUPERVISOR  
16 RIDLEY-THOMAS AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS  
17 ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 21, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND  
18 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. AND ON  
19 THIS ITEM, SUPERVISOR KUEHL VOTES NO. ON ITEM NO. 22, THE  
20 DIRECTOR OF INTERNAL SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE  
21 CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO JUNE 30, 2015. ON ITEM NO. 25, MEMBERS  
22 OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 26,  
23 THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE  
24 CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO JUNE 30, 2015. ON ITEM 27-- THAT WAS ONE  
25 WEEK, JUNE 23RD-- ON ITEM 27, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS

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1 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 28, THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH  
2 SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO JUNE  
3 23, 2015. ON ITEM NO. 29, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT  
4 THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 30 AND 31, EITHER A MEMBER OR  
5 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON  
6 ITEM NO. 40 AND 41, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THESE  
7 ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 43-- THAT WAS 40 AND 41. ON ITEM  
8 NO. 43, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE  
9 HELD. ON ITEM NO. 46 AND 47, A MEMBER OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC  
10 REQUEST THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 48, SUPERVISOR  
11 RIDLEY-THOMAS WILL ABSTAIN FROM THE VOTE, AND ON THIS ITEM, A  
12 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT IT BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 50,  
13 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT  
14 THIS ITEM BE HELD. AND ON THIS ITEM, SUPERVISOR KUEHL WILL  
15 VOTE NO. ON ITEM NO. 51, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND MEMBERS OF  
16 THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. AND AGAIN ON THIS  
17 ITEM, SUPERVISOR KUEHL WILL VOTE NO ON THIS ITEM. THE  
18 REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE CONSENT CALENDAR ARE BEFORE YOU.

19  
20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. SECOND  
21 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

22  
23 **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR:** ON PAGE 38, ORDINANCE FOR  
24 INTRODUCTION, ITEM 52, THIS IS AN ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION  
25 AMENDING THE WATER PIPELINE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO SOUTHERN

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1 CALIFORNIA WATER COMPANY TO REFLECT THE COMPANY NAME CHANGE TO  
2 GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY, EXTEND THE TERM OF THE FRANCHISE  
3 AND MAKE A CHANGE CLARIFYING HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE  
4 TRANSPORTATION. THIS ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. SECOND  
7 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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9 **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR:** ON PAGE 39, MISCELLANEOUS  
10 ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS  
11 IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL  
12 AGENDA. ON ITEM 53-A, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND A MEMBER OF THE  
13 PUBLIC REQUEST IN ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 53-B, MEMBERS OF THE  
14 PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 53-C, A MEMBER  
15 OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ITEM 53-D IS  
16 BEFORE YOU.

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO MOVED, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR  
19 SOLIS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

20

21 **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR:** ON ITEM 53-E, A MEMBER OF  
22 THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD AND ON ITEM 53-F,  
23 THE INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE  
24 CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO JUNE 30, 2015. ON PAGE 42, NOTICES OF  
25 CLOSED SESSION, ITEM C.S.-1 AND C.S.-2, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC

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1 REQUESTS THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. AND THAT COMPLETES THE  
2 READING OF THE AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS  
3 BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 1.

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WELL WE'RE BIDDING FAREWELL TO A  
6 WONDERFUL CONSUL GENERAL FROM GERMANY WHO HAS BEEN WITH US FOR  
7 A NUMBER OF YEARS, AN INTEGRAL PART OF OUR COUNTY FAMILY. WE  
8 HAVE OVER 100 CONSUL GENERALS THAT ARE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
9 REPRESENTING BASICALLY ALL THE NATIONS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.  
10 BUT IT'S BEEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH OUR FOREIGN  
11 REPRESENTATIVES, HELPING THEM WITH THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES AND,  
12 IN TURN, AS YOU KNOW, TOURISM IS ONE OF THE BIGGEST GROWTH  
13 FACTORS IN THE COUNTY. AND TO OUR COUNTY ECONOMY AND OUR STATE  
14 ECONOMY. BUT TODAY DR. BERND FISCHER, CONSUL GENERAL IN  
15 GERMANY IS SAYING GOODBYE. HE HAS TAKEN AN ACTIVE LEADING ROLE  
16 IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY SINCE HE TOOK CONTROL OF THE  
17 GERMAN CONSULATE IN JULY OF 2012. HIS JURISDICTION INCLUDES  
18 ARIZONA, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, COLORADO, NEVADA AND UTAH. HE  
19 COULDN'T GET HAWAII, LIKE SOME OF YOUR COLLEAGUES HAVE BEEN  
20 ABLE TO DO. DURING THE TOUR HERE, HE WAS ESPECIALLY PROUD OF  
21 HAVING HELPED TO MAKE THE GERMAN AMERICAN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION  
22 ACTIVE IN SPEARHEADING THE NEWS OF GERMAN BUSINESSES, HOW THEY  
23 WILL COOPERATE WITH AMERICAN COMPANIES. HE HAS ALSO ACTIVELY  
24 PROMOTED A CLOSER RELATIONSHIP OF OUR GERMAN FILM MAKERS IN  
25 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WITH OUR LOCAL FILM INDUSTRY. HE HAS

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1 PROMOTED NEWS ABOUT THE NEW ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY OF GERMANY,  
2 INCLUDING THE CLOSURE OF THE NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS AND THE  
3 MASSIVE INTRODUCTION OF RENEWABLE ENERGY, ESPECIALLY WIND AND  
4 SOLAR. HE IS ENGAGED ACTIVELY AND LOCALLY ABOUT THE GERMAN  
5 DUAL EDUCATION SYSTEM, WHICH INCLUDES A SKILLS INITIATIVE.  
6 THAT INITIATIVE MAKES IT POSSIBLE FOR STUDENTS WHO DON'T GO TO  
7 THE UNIVERSITY TO BE ABLE TO START TRAINING IN SKILLS THAT ARE  
8 NEEDED IN THE GERMAN ECONOMY. IT'S BELIEVED TO BE A MAJOR  
9 REASON FOR GERMANY'S CONTINUING ECONOMIC SUCCESS. ALTHOUGH HE  
10 WILL BE LEAVING THE POST AS GERMAN CONSUL GENERAL, WE WILL NOT  
11 HAVE HIM LOSING HIS INTEREST IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY BECAUSE  
12 AFTER HE RETURNS TO GERMANY, HE WILL BE RETURNING TO THE  
13 UNITED STATES WHERE HE WILL BEGIN JOINING THE FOREIGN SERVICE  
14 AND SERVE ON THE FACULTY OF LA VERNE UNIVERSITY, ONE OF OUR  
15 GREAT UNIVERSITIES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. SO ON BEHALF OF OUR  
16 10 MILLION CITIZENS, I WANT TO GIVE YOU THE SMALLER PLAQUE  
17 THAT YOU CAN TAKE WITH YOU, EASIER TO PACK THAN THE LARGE ONE  
18 YOU HAD WHEN YOU CAME HERE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE.  
19 [APPLAUSE.]

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21 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. MAYOR, WHILE YOU ARE PRESENTING THAT PLAQUE TO  
22 OUR GOOD FRIEND, CONSUL GENERAL FISCHER, I JUST WANTED TO  
23 THANK HIM FOR HIS SERVICE BUT MORE IMPORTANT, WE ALL GOT TO  
24 KNOW HIM IN MANY DIFFERENT WAYS. BUT HE WAS A MAJOR PLAYER IN  
25 BRINGING THAT BIG MERCEDES-BENZ OPERATION TO THE CITY OF LONG

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1 BEACH, AND FOR THAT, WE'RE FOREVER GRATEFUL. AND THOSE  
2 THOUSANDS OF JOBS THAT TOOK PLACE OVER THE C-17. SO THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. MAYOR?

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR?

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8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MAY I RISE FOR A POINT OF PERSONAL  
9 PRIVILEGE? DR. NORMAN C. FRANCIS WHO CAME TO BE HONORED TODAY  
10 HAS A FLIGHT BACK TO XAVIER UNIVERSITY IN NEW ORLEANS. HE HAS  
11 SERVED IN THAT CAPACITY FOR 47 YEARS, MAKING HIM THE LONGEST  
12 SERVING PRESIDENT OF ANY SUCH INSTITUTION IN THE NATION. HE  
13 HAS TO GET ON THAT FLIGHT. BUT WE WANTED TO SAY TO HIM THANK  
14 YOU VERY MUCH AND GOD BLESS YOU. WE'RE DELIGHTED THAT YOU ARE  
15 HERE. GIVE HIM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE, WON'T YOU, PLEASE? DR.  
16 NORMAN C. FRANCIS. [APPLAUSE.]

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** CONSUL?

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20 **DR. BERND FISCHER:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. MAYOR. MR. MAYOR,  
21 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY SUPERVISORS. IT HAS BEEN ON THE  
22 31ST OF JULY 2012 WHEN I HAD THE HONOR TO PRESENT MYSELF TO  
23 YOU AS THE NEW CONSUL GENERAL. AND TIME HAS BEEN FLYING SO  
24 QUICKLY. ADMITTEDLY, I DIDN'T GET HAWAII. BUT I GOT SOMETHING  
25 MUCH MORE BEAUTIFUL AND MUCH CLOSER, THE CATALINA ISLANDS.



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1 THAT IS FINE. AND THERE ARE SO MANY THINGS WHICH HAS FOREVER  
2 TIED ME WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AMONG THEM WAS  
3 FANTASTIC GOLF ROUNDS WITH SUPERVISOR KNABE AND EXCHANGE OF  
4 THE WIVES ABOUT GOOD GERMAN COOKING. AND MRS. KNABE IS MUCH  
5 BETTER THAN MY WIFE ON ALL OF THAT, AND VERY MANY WONDERFUL  
6 THINGS. I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO MENTION A FEW THINGS. ONE, THE  
7 MOST IMPORTANT LINK IN DIPLOMACY IS, WHEN COUNTRIES ARE IN  
8 FRIENDSHIP AND AT PEACE, IS BUSINESS CONNECTIONS. AND WITHIN  
9 THESE YEARS, A LOT HAS HAPPENED. AND FORMALLY, THE MOST  
10 IMPORTANT IS THE L.A. E.D.C, WHICH COMPRISES THE COUNTY, HAS  
11 NOW A REPRESENTATIVE IN GERMANY, WHICH IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR  
12 THE FUTURE CHANCES OF INVESTMENT AND TRADE OF LOS ANGELES  
13 COUNTY IN GERMANY. AND WHEN YOU THINK OF THE HOPEFULLY SOON-  
14 TO-BE-COMPLETED TRANSATLANTIC TRADE AND INVESTMENT TREATY, YOU  
15 CAN BE ABSOLUTELY SURE THERE WILL BE MUCH MORE TRADE AND  
16 INVESTMENT BETWEEN GERMANY AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND  
17 THEREFORE ALSO MORE JOBS ON BOTH SIDES. SECONDLY, YOU WERE SO  
18 KIND TO MENTION THE WHAT WE CALL SKILLS INITIATIVE, THE  
19 APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING, THE GERMAN ANSWER TO NO CHILD LEFT  
20 BEHIND. THERE WILL BE STARTING NEXT YEAR BUT PREPARED THIS  
21 SUMMER ALREADY UNTIL NEXT SPRING A NEW PROGRAM WHICH WILL BE  
22 UNIQUE IN THE U.S., FUNDED BY THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT TOGETHER  
23 WITH COMMUNITY COLLEGES IN THE COUNTY AND IN ORANGE COUNTY AND  
24 SAN DIEGO COUNTY WHERE QUITE A BIG NUMBER OF YOUNG MEN AND  
25 WOMEN WHO ARE WORKING IN THE CAR DEALERSHIPS AS MECHANICS WILL

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1 BE TRAINED THE GERMAN WAY, 2-1/2 YEARS. AND AT THE END WILL BE  
2 THE MOST CLASSY CAR MECHANICS YOU CAN IMAGINE. AND THIS WILL  
3 START THIS SUMMER. AND THEY HAVE ASKED ME TO PLAY AN HONORARY  
4 ROLE THERE WHICH I WILL DO WITH PLEASURE. SO I WILL LINK WITH  
5 YOU. YOU MENTIONED MY TEACHING. OF COURSE MY TEACHING WILL BE  
6 ON DIPLOMACY, BUT IT WILL ALWAYS CONCENTRATE ON THE IMPORTANCE  
7 OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT BECAUSE I CAME FROM A COUNTY WHICH IS THE  
8 BIGGEST AMERICAN COUNTY OUTSIDE OF THE U.S., AS I'M WELL  
9 INFORMED, DEFINITELY IN GERMANY, IT'S CALLED KAISERSLAUTERN  
10 COUNTY, THERE'S RAMMSTEIN AIR BASE, THERE'S LANDSTUHL  
11 HOSPITAL. AND I WILL RETURN TO THAT COUNTY, TOGETHER WITH  
12 BERLIN. AND I KNOW FROM THERE HOW DEEP FRIENDSHIP CAN GO. AND  
13 WHENEVER I'M THERE, IT ALSO REMINDS ME OF THE HISTORICALLY  
14 ETERNAL TRUTH: WITHOUT THE AMERICAN TROOPS ON THE GROUND IN  
15 KAISERSLAUTERN COUNTY, OUR LIVES WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN BLESSED  
16 THAT MUCH SINCE 1945. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. MAYOR. THANK  
17 YOU, MR. COUNCILMEMBERS.

18

19 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. I DON'T SEE MY  
20 HONOREES UP HERE. I THINK I STILL SEE THEM IN THE AUDIENCE. SO  
21 LET'S BRING THEM UP BECAUSE IT'S A VERY JOYFUL DUTY THAT I  
22 HAVE THIS MORNING. THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IS DECLARING JUNE  
23 21ST MAKE MUSIC LOS ANGELES DAY THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF L.A.  
24 MAKE MUSIC DAY, IT'S A WORLDWIDE DAYLONG CELEBRATION OF FREE  
25 PUBLIC OUTDOOR MUSIC HELD ON THE SUMMER SOLSTICE, THE LONGEST

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1 DAY OF THE YEAR. IT BEGAN IN FRANCE IN 1982 WITH AN EVENT  
2 CALLED FETE DE LA MUSIQUE. IT'S GROWN INTO AN INTERNATIONAL  
3 PHENOMENON. AND TODAY I'D LIKE TO PRESENT A RESOLUTION  
4 DECLARING SUNDAY JUNE 21ST AS MAKE MUSIC LOS ANGELES DAY TO  
5 DORSAY DUJON, PRESIDENT OF MAKE MUSIC L.A., DEEPLY ENTRENCHED  
6 IN JAZZ MUSIC AND DRIVEN BY HER PASSION FOR IT. THE FOUNDER  
7 AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF MAKE MUSIC, LOS ANGELES, AS I SAID, A  
8 NONPROFIT IN L.A., DORSAY'S AN ARTS ADVOCATE DEDICATED TO  
9 ENGAGING IN TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES IN LOS ANGELES THROUGH  
10 SHARED CULTURAL EXPERIENCES OF VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS.  
11 ALSO LIKE TO PRESENT THE RESOLUTION TO LEROY DOWNS, PRESIDENT  
12 OF MAKE MUSIC L.A., DEEPLY ENTRENCHED IN JAZZ MUSIC, CURRENTLY  
13 A JAZZ RADIO BROADCASTER IN L.A. AIRING ON FOUR DIFFERENT  
14 STATIONS AND ONE IN CARMEL AND IN THE MONTEREY AREA, A LONG,  
15 WELL-KNOWN PRACTITIONER OF THE JAZZ ART. ALSO HERE JANELLE LE  
16 VIN, MUSIC L.A. BOARD MEMBER, MICHAEL TINEDAL, DORSAY'S  
17 BROTHER, BARBARA LEON, AN INTERN AND SOCIAL MEDIA PERSON, AND  
18 REBECCA HOGAN, THE EVENT COORDINATOR. PLEASE CONGRATULATE  
19 THESE PEOPLE WHO HAVE PUT TOGETHER THIS WONDERFUL EVENT, MAKE  
20 MUSIC, LOS ANGELES. [APPLAUSE.]

21

22 **JANELLE LE VIN:** GOOD MORNING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. THANK YOU,  
23 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AND TO ALL OF THE SUPERVISORS FOR BEING A  
24 PART OF THIS WONDERFUL PROCLAMATION. I'D JUST LIKE TO SAY THAT  
25 MAKE MUSIC L.A. IS FOR EVERYONE IN THIS ROOM. ALL OF YOU I'M

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1 SURE AT SOME TIME OR ANOTHER, MAYBE YOU SING, YOU DANCE OR YOU  
2 PLAY A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT. WELL, WE DO THIS BECAUSE WE WOULD  
3 LIKE TO SEE EVERY CHILD IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, IN THE  
4 COUNTY TO BE ABLE TO PICK UP A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT AND PLAY OR  
5 TO HAVE SOME FORM OF A MUSICAL EDUCATION. IT'S REALLY VERY  
6 IMPORTANT THAT KIDS HAVE A WAY OF BEING ABLE TO THINK CLEARLY  
7 AND MAKE DECISIONS ABOUT THEIR LIVES. AND MUSIC IS ONE WAY  
8 THAT CAN HELP THEM DO THAT. AND LOS ANGELES FOR ONE DAY  
9 BECOMES A VERY SMALL TOWN WHENEVER ONE COMES OUT TO PLAY  
10 MUSIC. SO I DO HOPE THAT YOU'LL GO TO OUR WEBSITE  
11 MAKEMUSICLA.ORG AND TAKE A LOOK AND SEE WHAT CONCERTS ARE  
12 PLAYING IN YOUR AREA. AND IF THERE AREN'T ANY THERE THIS YEAR,  
13 HOPEFULLY NEXT YEAR WE'LL BE ABLE TO GET YOUR COMMUNITY  
14 INVOLVED. THIS IS ABOUT YOU. AND YOU HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO  
15 CELEBRATE MUSIC IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD. PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH  
16 US IF YOU DON'T HAVE IT IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD. THANK YOU.  
17 [APPLAUSE.]

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, AT THIS TIME I'D  
20 LIKE TO CALL UP BRIAN STIGER, OUR DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT  
21 OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS. HIS STAFF AND A GRADUATE OF  
22 THE 2014 JUSTICECORPS INTERN PROGRAM. THIS PROGRAM AS WE ALL  
23 KNOW HAS BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL. IT'S BEEN A GREAT PARTNERSHIP  
24 BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER BUSINESS AFFAIRS AND THE  
25 LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT. SINCE ITS INCEPTION, THERE HAVE

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1 BEEN OVER 160 JUSTICECORPS INTERNS THAT HAVE GRADUATED AND  
2 HAVE VOLUNTEERED, LISTEN TO THIS, IN EXCESS OF 45,000 HOURS  
3 HELPING THE RESIDENTS OF OUR GREAT COUNTY. THE INTERNS COME  
4 FROM OUR LOCAL MAJOR UNIVERSITIES, U.C.L.A., U.S.C., CAL STATE  
5 NORTHRIDGE, CAL STATE L.A., CAL STATE LONG BEACH AND U.C.  
6 BERKELEY, EVEN. SO THEY VOLUNTEER THEIR TIME TO HELP RESIDENTS  
7 WITH KEY SERVICES, INCLUDING ASSISTING IN SMALL CLAIMS COURT  
8 LITIGANTS AND LAWSUITS, DEFENDING CASES AND COLLECTING  
9 JUDGMENTS. SO, PLEASE JOIN ME IN CONGRATULATING BRIAN AND HIS  
10 STAFF, BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY OUR GRADUATES TO STAND BEFORE YOU  
11 TODAY. CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.]

12

13 **BRIAN STIGER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KNABE, MEMBERS OF THE  
14 BOARD, FOR THIS VERY SPECIAL RECOGNITION. WE'RE VERY PROUD OF  
15 THE PARTNERSHIP THAT WE'VE HAD WITH THE COURTS IN THE COUNTY  
16 OF LOS ANGELES AND ESPECIALLY PROUD OF PARTICIPATION IN  
17 JUSTICECORPS PROGRAM. THESE YOUNG PEOPLE STANDING BEHIND ME  
18 HAVE VOLUNTEERED OVER 2500 HOURS THIS PAST YEAR IN HELPING  
19 SMALL CLAIMS COURT LITIGANTS NAVIGATE THEIR WAY THROUGH THE  
20 PROCESS. AND SO WE'RE VERY, VERY PLEASED TO BE ENGAGED IN THIS  
21 PROGRAM. WE'RE VERY PROUD OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. AND WE'RE  
22 LOOKING FORWARD TO THE NEXT BATCH THAT WILL COME THROUGH VERY,  
23 VERY SOON. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

24

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IT'S A REAL PLEASURE TO HAVE A MEMBER  
2    OF OUR JUDICIARY WHO'S RETIRING, THAT'S JUDGE RONALD SKYERS  
3    WHO'S RETIRING AFTER 23 YEARS OF SERVICE ON THE COURT. HE  
4    BEGAN HIS CAREER IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY IN 1992, BEING  
5    APPOINTED BY THE JUDGES AS THE COURT COMMISSIONER FOR THE  
6    COMPTON COURT. THEN IN 1995, GOVERNOR PETE WILSON APPOINTED  
7    HIM TO THE MUNICIPAL COURT. AND IN 2000 HE WAS ELEVATED TO THE  
8    LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT. HE IS RECOGNIZED IN THE  
9    LEGAL COMMUNITY FOR HIS EXPERIENCE IN THE DEATH PENALTY LAW  
10   AND HAS TESTIFIED AS A SUBJECT MATTER EXPERT IN MANY CRIMINAL  
11   TRIALS, INCLUDING THE SOUTH SIDE SLAYER. THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER  
12   HE HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED BY MANY ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING THE  
13   LOS ANGELES COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION, THE CALIFORNIA ATTORNEYS  
14   FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND THE CALIFORNIA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION.  
15   AND WITH HIM TODAY IS HIS WIFE CAROLYN AND HIS CHILDREN BRIAN  
16   AND KIMBERLY. HE WAS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
17   COUNSEL'S OFFICE SERVING AS A MEMBER THERE. SO, JUDGE, THANK  
18   YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP, YOUR SERVICE. AND WE WANT TO GIVE YOU  
19   THIS PROCLAMATION ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD FOR THAT SERVICE.  
20   [APPLAUSE.]

21

22   **HON. RONALD SKYERS:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS, AND MAYOR  
23   ANTONOVICH. I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE MY FAMILY, TRACEY SKYERS  
24   SWANNY, WHO IS MY DAUGHTER-IN-LAW. AND DEBORAH ALEXANDER, AND  
25   SKY ALEXANDER, JOSEPH ALEXANDER, HUSBAND AND WIFE. I'M SORRY



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1 MY WIFE WANTED TO BE HERE TODAY, BUT SHE COULDN'T BECAUSE OF  
2 ILLNESS. BUT SHE'S ENJOYING IT. AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR  
3 THE OPPORTUNITY AND FOR THE PRESENTATION. THANK YOU.

4 [APPLAUSE.]

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** TODAY WE'RE GOING TO RECOGNIZE REFUGEE  
7 AWARENESS MONTH AND WE HAVE OUR DIRECTOR OF DEPARTMENT OF  
8 PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES, SHERYL SPILLER, WHO IS HERE, ALONG  
9 WITH CYNTHIA HARDING, INTERIM DIRECTOR OF THE COUNTY  
10 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO CELEBRATE THIS MONTH. DUE TO  
11 THE INCREASED POLITICAL AND SOCIAL TURMOIL AROUND THE WORLD,  
12 REFUGEES ARE FORCED TO FLEE THEIR COUNTRIES, TO FIND FREEDOM,  
13 ECONOMIC SECURITY AND PROTECTION FROM VIOLENCE AND  
14 PERSECUTION. REFUGEES AND THEIR FAMILIES HAVE SETTLED IN LOS  
15 ANGELES COUNTY TO START NEW LIVES, FREE OF THAT PERSECUTION,  
16 TORTURE AND IMPRISONMENT. SO THANKS TO THE VERY HARD WORK OF  
17 THE DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES AND  
18 PUBLIC HEALTH ALONG WITH OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS, REFUGEES ARE  
19 ABLE TO MAKE AN EASIER TRANSITION TO A NEW HOME AND A NEW  
20 LIFE. AND THROUGH THESE VARIOUS TALENTS, FAITH, AND SHARED  
21 COMMON VALUES, THE REFUGEES HAVE ENRICHED OUR SOCIETY, ADDING  
22 DIVERSITY AND STRENGTHENING THE FABRIC OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
23 AND THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND THE UNITED STATES. SO, SHERYL  
24 AND CYNTHIA.

25

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1   **SHERYL SPILLER:** D.P.S.S. IS HAPPY TO JOIN MAYOR ANTONOVICH AND  
2   THE ENTIRE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN RECOGNIZING THE  
3   ACHIEVEMENTS OF REFUGEES WHO HAVE SETTLED IN LOS ANGELES  
4   COUNTY AND WHO CONTRIBUTE TO OUR COMMUNITY. D.P.S.S. AND THE  
5   DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF CYNTHIA  
6   HARDING, PARTNERED WITH OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS AND AGENCIES  
7   AND REFUGEE EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM SERVICES TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO  
8   THE REFUGEE COMMUNITY. D.P.S.S. CURRENTLY SERVICES ABOUT 1700  
9   REFUGEES WITH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES TO ASSIST THEM ON THEIR PATH  
10   TO SELF-SUFFICIENCY. TODAY I'M ESPECIALLY HONORED TO HAVE  
11   STANDING NEXT TO ME MEMBERS OF OUR OWN COUNTY FAMILY. TOM DO  
12   RECENTLY CAME TO ME JUST TO EXPRESS HIS APPRECIATION FOR THE  
13   OPPORTUNITIES THAT HE HAD BEEN GIVEN IN THIS COUNTY. HE TOLD  
14   ME THAT IT'S BEEN ALMOST 40 YEARS AGO THAT HE CAME HERE AS A  
15   REFUGEE. SINCE THAT TIME, HE'S GONE ON TO GET HIS MASTER'S  
16   DEGREE IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION. HE'S ALSO BEEN INSTRUMENTAL  
17   IN HELPING WITH THE MASTER'S PROGRAM AND IN MENTORING OTHER  
18   CANDIDATES THAT ARE GOING THROUGH THE MASTER'S PROGRAM. SO ON  
19   BEHALF OF TOM AND THE MANY OTHERS LIKE HIM, I WANT TO THANK  
20   OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS FOR THEIR UNPARALLELED DEDICATION IN  
21   THE SERVICE THAT THEY PROVIDE TO THE REFUGEES AND THEIR  
22   FAMILIES AS THEY BECOME CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS OF LOS ANGELES  
23   COUNTY. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]  
24

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1   **CYNTHIA HARDING:** GOOD MORNING, CYNTHIA HARDING, INTERIM  
2   DIRECTOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. AND I, TOO, AM  
3   VERY HONORED TO BE ON THIS STAGE ACKNOWLEDGING JUNE AS REFUGE  
4   AWARENESS MONTH WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES  
5   AND ALL OF OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS. OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS,  
6   THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH HAS PROVIDED SERVICES TO OVER  
7   3200 REFUGEES FROM OVER 50 COUNTRIES. AND THE KIND OF SERVICES  
8   THAT WE PROVIDE ARE HEALTH ASSESSMENTS AND SCREENINGS FOR  
9   CHRONIC AND COMMUNICABLE DISEASES AND LINKING REFUGEES TO  
10   CRITICAL SERVICES IN THIS COUNTRY AS WELL AS PROVIDING HEALTH  
11   EDUCATION ON HOW TO LIVE A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE. AND THESE  
12   SERVICES ARE CRITICALLY IMPORTANT, PARTICULARLY FOR THOSE  
13   VULNERABLE CLIENTS LIKE THOSE OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING WHERE IT'S  
14   REALLY CRITICAL THAT WE CONNECT THEM TO SERVICES SUCH AS  
15   MENTAL HEALTH AND HEALTH SERVICES. AND WE ARE EXTREMELY PROUD  
16   OF THE PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS BECAUSE  
17   TOGETHER WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES AND OUR  
18   COMMUNITY PARTNERS, WE ARE ABLE TO PROVIDE A BROAD SPECTRUM OF  
19   SERVICES TO SUPPORT REFUGEES WHO ARE RESTARTING THEIR LIVES IN  
20   THIS COUNTRY. SO, AGAIN, I'D LIKE TO THANK SHERYL SPILLER. I'D  
21   LIKE TO THANK MAYOR ANTONOVICH. AND I'D LIKE TO THANK THE  
22   ENTIRE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REFUGEE  
23   AWARENESS MONTH. IT'S REALLY CRITICAL THAT WE HAVE THIS  
24   SPECTRUM, BROAD SPECTRUM OF SERVICES TO HELP THOSE THAT ARE

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1 ENTERING THIS COUNTRY SO THAT THEY CAN LIVE A HEALTHY,  
2 PRODUCTIVE LIFE IN THIS COUNTRY. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** BECAUSE THIS IS FLAG DAY, AND FOR THE  
5 PAST 34 YEARS, VITO CANELLA WAS ALWAYS HERE TO RECEIVE THIS  
6 PROCLAMATION AND HE HAS TO GO TO THE HOSPITAL TODAY TO HAVE  
7 HIS PACEMAKER REPLACED. SO THE CHOICE WAS TO COME HERE WITHOUT  
8 THE PACEMAKER AND SEE HIS ETERNAL HOME OR HAVE ME READ A  
9 COUPLE STATEMENTS FOR HIM, SO WE CHOSE FOR ME TO SAY A FEW  
10 WORDS. JUNE 14TH IS NATIONAL FLAG DAY AND JUNE 9TH THROUGH THE  
11 15TH IS NATIONAL FLAG WEEK IN L.A. COUNTY. IT'S INTENDED TO  
12 HEIGHTEN THE AWARENESS OF ALL AMERICANS ON THE RICH HISTORY  
13 AND TRADITION OF OLD GLORY, THE SYMBOL OF AMERICA'S STRENGTH,  
14 FREEDOM AND LIBERTY. IN 1777, THE SECOND CONTINENTAL CONGRESS  
15 ESTABLISHED THE FLAG OF A YOUNG NATION WHOSE 13 ORIGINAL  
16 STATES WERE REPRESENTED IN THE FLAG'S 13 STARS AND 13  
17 ALTERNATING RED AND WHITE STRIPES. TODAY, THE STARS AND  
18 STRIPES COMMEMORATE THE REVOLUTIONARY TRUTHS OF THE  
19 DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE AND CONSTITUTION. DURING FLAG DAY  
20 AND NATIONAL FLAG WEEK, WE HONOR THOSE MEN AND WOMEN WHO CARRY  
21 OUR FLAG INTO BATTLE AND SERVED OUR COUNTRY AND THEIR FAMILIES  
22 WHOSE LOVED ONES EXPERIENCED THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE IN SERVING  
23 OUR COUNTRY. THROUGH THEIR BRAVERY AND SACRIFICE, THEY KEEP  
24 AMERICA SAFE AND ADVANCE PEACE AND FREEDOM AROUND THE GLOBE.  
25 AND SO ON BEHALF OF VITO, WE MAKE THIS PROCLAMATION. WE'LL

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1 SEND IT TO HIM. IT'S ALSO MY FATHER'S BIRTHDAY AND IT'S ALSO  
2 MY SECRETARY LINDA'S BIRTHDAY TODAY, AS WELL, FLAG DAY. AND  
3 THEN WE HAVE-- ALL OF OUR ANIMALS ARE VERY CUTE BUT THIS ONE  
4 IS EXTRA CUTE. AND THE NAME FITS THE DOG PERFECTLY BECAUSE THE  
5 NAME IS PEANUT. AND THIS IS LITTLE PEANUT, 8 WEEK OLD LITTLE  
6 CHIHUAHUA. SHE WAS IN OUR OFFICE EARLIER THIS MORNING AND HAD  
7 A REALLY GOOD TIME. SO I PROMISED HER SHE'D BE ON TELEVISION  
8 AND FIND A HOME. THEY'D FIND A HOME. SO ANYBODY IN THE  
9 AUDIENCE OR WATCHING ON TELEVISION? YOU CAN CALL 562-256-1649.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR? YES.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. I HAVE A MOTION BEFORE  
14 THE BOARD. ITEM NO. 2. I WOULD LIKE TO READ MY STATEMENT. THE  
15 MOTION REQUESTS THAT THE OFFICE OF CHILD PROTECTION DEVELOP  
16 OPTIONS FOR ESTABLISHING A PHILANTHROPY LIAISON OFFICE WITHIN  
17 THEIR OFFICE IN COORDINATION WITH THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
18 GRANT MAKERS AND THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE. THE O.C.P. IS TO REPORT  
19 BACK TO THE BOARD WITH THESE OPTIONS WITHIN 60 DAYS. THIS  
20 PHILANTHROPY LIAISON WOULD HELP TO FACILITATE ONGOING  
21 DIALOGUE, PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE COUNTY  
22 AND THE PHILANTHROPY SECTOR ON ISSUES RELATED TO CHILD  
23 WELFARE. IT WOULD BE THE FIRST TIME THAT THE COUNTY OF LOS  
24 ANGELES HAS HAD SUCH A POSITION TO COORDINATE WITH L.A.'S VAST  
25 PHILANTHROPIC SECTOR. THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE LIAISON WOULD BE

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1 TO DEVELOP A SHARED AGENDA FOR JOINT INITIATIVES TO ENSURE THE  
2 HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN. THIS INITIATIVE HAS  
3 RECEIVED WIDESPREAD SUPPORT. THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON  
4 CHILD PROTECTION RECOMMENDED THAT THE OFFICE OF CHILD  
5 PROTECTION REACH OUT TO THE PHILANTHROPIC COMMUNITY AND BUILD  
6 STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS TO HELP IMPROVE CHILD PROTECTION  
7 SERVICES. THE COMMISSION NOTED THAT THE POWER OF  
8 PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS HAS BEEN UNDERUTILIZED BY THE  
9 COUNTY TO DATE AND SHOULD BE AN IMPORTANT STRATEGY FOR  
10 IMPROVING THESE SERVICES. ON JUNE 1ST, 2015, THE BOARD  
11 RECEIVED A LETTER SIGNED BY CHRISTINE ESSEL, PRESIDENT AND  
12 C.E.O. OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GRANTMAKERS AND FRED ALI,  
13 PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF THE WEINGART FOUNDATION, REQUESTING  
14 THAT THE BOARD CONSIDER SUCH A POSITION. THE PROPOSAL WAS  
15 ENDORSED BY 10 LEADING FOUNDATIONS. ACROSS THE COUNTRY, ALL  
16 LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT HAVE SUCCESSFULLY ESTABLISHED THESE  
17 POSITIONS LEADING TO JOINTLY FUNDED INITIATIVES. THESE  
18 GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES INCLUDE H.U.D., THE DEPARTMENT OF  
19 EDUCATION, THE STATE OF MICHIGAN AND CITIES OF DENVER AND  
20 NEWARK, NEW JERSEY. SEVERAL YEARS AGO, THE U.S. CONFERENCE OF  
21 MAYORS ADOPTED A MOTION HIGHLIGHTING THE MANY ADVANTAGES OF  
22 SUCH AN OFFICE AND ENDORSING THEIR CREATION. THE LIAISON  
23 POSITION COSTS ABOUT \$150,000 PLUS ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT. THE  
24 COST OF NOT HAVING SUCH AN OFFICE IS EXTREMELY HIGH AND LIMITS  
25 POSSIBILITIES FOR IMPORTANT DIALOGUE, PARTNERSHIPS AND



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1 EXPANDING PROGRAMMING FOR OUR COMMUNITIES. I WOULD ESPECIALLY  
2 LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR CO-AUTHORING THE MOTION  
3 WITH ME TODAY AND WOULD ASK HER IF SHE HAS ANY COMMENTS TO  
4 MAKE.

5

6 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I'M REALLY  
7 ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THIS PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP. THE  
8 POSSIBILITIES ARE VERY BROAD ESPECIALLY BECAUSE THE VARIOUS  
9 ENTITIES THAT WILL BE CONNECTED WITH THE OFFICE OF CHILD  
10 PROTECTION AND BRING MORE RESOURCES EVEN THAN THE COUNTY WILL  
11 PROVIDE TO THE OFFICE. SO IT'S REALLY A WIN/WIN/WIN. I THINK  
12 IT'S A WIN FOR THE COUNTY, IT'S A WIN FOR PHILANTHROPY BECAUSE  
13 OF COURSE THEY LOOK LIKE THE GOOD GUYS, WHICH THEY ARE, AND IT  
14 IS ESPECIALLY A WIN FOR OUR CHILDREN. I THINK THIS IS A  
15 WONDERFUL MOTION. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU FOR CO-AUTHORING IT. AT THIS TIME  
18 I'D LIKE TO ASK IF WE COULD BRIEFLY HEAR FROM CHRIS ESSEL WHO  
19 IS HERE AND ALSO FRED ALI WHO ARE BOTH MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS AND  
20 SUPPORTERS OF THIS INITIATIVE. AND I'D LIKE TO THANK BOTH OF  
21 THEM FOR COMING SO IF THEY'D LIKE TO COME FORWARD.

22

23 **CHRIS ESSEL:** I'M CHRIS ESSEL, PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF SOUTHERN  
24 CALIFORNIA GRANTMAKERS. FOR THE PAST 40 YEARS, S.C.G. HAS BEEN  
25 THE REGIONAL ASSOCIATION WHERE PHILANTHROPIST AND GRANT MAKERS

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1 COME TOGETHER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITIES. WE HAVE  
2 OVER TIME EVOLVED INTO A LEADERSHIP HUB OF OVER 250 FUNDERS  
3 WHO COME TOGETHER TO LEARN, CONNECT AND TAKE ACTION. MANY OF  
4 OUR GRANT MAKERS HAVE BEEN HIGHLY ENGAGED ON THIS ISSUE OF  
5 CHILD WELFARE IN L.A. COUNTY FOR YEARS NOW. WE WERE  
6 PARTICULARLY ENCOURAGED ABOUT THE PROPOSED REFORMS TO THE  
7 SYSTEM AFTER HEARING A PRESENTATION ON THE WORK OF THE BLUE  
8 RIBBON COMMISSION ON CHILD PROTECTION. THE COMMISSION REPORT  
9 POINTED OUT THAT COLLABORATION WAS ESSENTIAL WITHIN COUNTY  
10 GOVERNMENT, AND OUR MEMBERS BELIEVE STRONGLY THAT  
11 COLLABORATION WITH THE PHILANTHROPIC SECTOR IS ANOTHER  
12 CRITICAL COMPONENT TO THE SUCCESS OF THE EFFORTS UNDERWAY. TO  
13 THAT END, S.T.G. FORMED THE FOSTER CARE FUNDRAISERS'  
14 COLLABORATIVE WITH THE MISSION TO IDENTIFY WAYS IN WHICH  
15 FUNDERS COULD COLLABORATIVELY WORK WITH L.A. COUNTY TO IMPROVE  
16 OUTCOMES FOR OUR MOST VULNERABLE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES. THIS  
17 GROUP OF NEARLY 40 PHILANTHROPIC LEADERS CONTINUES TO GROW  
18 INCLUDING THE 10 WHO SIGNED OFF ON THE LETTER AND THE MOTION  
19 BEFORE YOU. OUR FUNDERS COLLABORATIVE HAS MET FOUR TIMES IN  
20 THE PAST YEAR, AND IN EACH CASE WE'VE ENGAGED IN INTENSIVE  
21 LISTENING SESSIONS WITH LEADERS FROM THE COUNTY, SUCH AS  
22 PHILIP BROWNING, HELEN BERHERIAN, AND FESIA DAVENPORT. IN  
23 FACT, THE CONCEPT BEING PRESENTED TODAY GREW OUT OF THIS  
24 GROUP'S DESIRE TO DEEPEN THEIR COLLABORATIVE WORK WITH L.A.  
25 COUNTY. WE'RE DELIGHTED THAT THE BOARD IS CONSIDERING THIS

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1 ACTION. I URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THE MOTION BEFORE YOU TODAY ON  
2 BEHALF OF S.T.G. WE STAND READY TO BE A PARTNER AND RESOURCE  
3 FOR YOU MOVING FORWARD. I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE FRED ALI  
4 PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF WEINGART FOUNDATION WHO WILL GO INTO  
5 THE SPECIFICS A BIT MORE OF HOW THIS OFFICE WOULD WORK.

6

7 **FRED ALI:** GOOD MORNING. I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR THE  
8 OPPORTUNITY TO BE HERE TODAY. AND I WANT TO ESPECIALLY THANK  
9 SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND KUEHL FOR INTRODUCING THIS IMPORTANT  
10 REQUEST THAT I THINK WILL LEAD TO CLOSER AND MORE EFFECTIVE  
11 WORKING RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND THE PHILANTHROPIC  
12 COMMUNITY. MOST IMPORTANTLY THE PHILANTHROPIC LIAISON POSITION  
13 CAN LEAD TO BETTER OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN OUR  
14 CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM. AS CHRIS MENTIONED, 10 MAJOR FOUNDATIONS  
15 IN LOS ANGELES AS WELL AS SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GRANTMAKERS HAVE  
16 ENDORSED THIS REQUEST. JOINING ME TODAY IN SUPPORT OF THIS  
17 REQUEST IS MARTHA JIMENEZ, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE  
18 CALIFORNIA ENDOWMENT, ALISON HOLMES, DIRECTOR OF  
19 COMMUNICATIONS AT THE ANNENBERG FOUNDATION AS WELL AS  
20 STEPHANIE LEVIN, DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL INITIATIVES AT THE  
21 ANNENBERG FOUNDATION. I THINK THE BIGGEST CHANGE I HAVE  
22 WITNESSED IN PHILANTHROPY OVER THE LAST 16 YEARS IS THE  
23 GROWING RECOGNITION AMONG THE PHILANTHROPIC AND GOVERNMENT  
24 SECTORS THAT GREATER IMPACT CAN BE ACHIEVED BY WORKING  
25 TOGETHER TO SOLVE PROBLEMS OF COMMON INTEREST. AS DOCUMENTED

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1 IN AN IMPORTANT STUDY BY THE CENTER ON PHILANTHROPY AND PUBLIC  
2 POLICY AT U.S.C., IN RECENT YEARS WE HAVE SEEN THE DEVELOPMENT  
3 OF A NUMBER OF STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS OFFICES AT STATE,  
4 FEDERAL AND LOCAL LEVEL. MANY OF THOSE OFFICES, MANY OF THOSE  
5 SUPERVISOR SOLIS MENTIONED IN HER OPENING REMARKS. WHILE ALL  
6 THESE VARIOUS LIAISON OR PARTNERSHIP OFFICES ACROSS THE NATION  
7 ARE A BIT DIFFERENT IN STRUCTURE AND RESPONSIBILITY, THEY  
8 SHARE SOME IMPORTANT POINTS IN COMMON. FIRST THEY ACT AS A  
9 PRIMARY POINT OF CONTACT FOR PHILANTHROPY TO CONNECT TO  
10 GOVERNMENT, FACILITATING PARTNERSHIP. FOR EXAMPLE, HAVING A  
11 PRIMARY POINT OF CONTACT WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY WOULD BE VERY  
12 HELPFUL FOR THE WORK OF L.A. IN SYNC, THE GROUNDBREAKING  
13 INITIATIVE OF THE ANNENBERG FOUNDATION THAT IS BRINGING  
14 ADDITIONAL AS WELL AS PRIVATE RESOURCES TO OUR COMMUNITIES.  
15 SECOND, THE CORE WORK OF THESE OFFICES IS, IF I CAN USE THIS  
16 TERM, TO DEMYSTIFY THE SECTORS TO EACH OTHER. OFTEN GOVERNMENT  
17 AND PHILANTHROPY, QUITE FRANKLY, DON'T UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER.  
18 CULTURE, GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY ARE VERY DIFFERENT. THE  
19 LIAISON OFFICE CAN OVERCOME THESE DIFFERENCES BY CONVENING  
20 PARTIES, SHARING INFORMATION AND IDENTIFYING SHARED INTERESTS  
21 THAT OFTEN LEAD TO INNOVATIVE PROBLEM SOLVING. THIRD, THE  
22 VALUE PROPOSITION OF THESE OFFICES FOR BOTH GOVERNMENT AND  
23 PHILANTHROPY IS ABOUT LEVERAGING THE RESOURCES OF BOTH  
24 SECTORS, ESPECIALLY KNOWLEDGE, IDEAS AND NETWORKS. AND,  
25 FINALLY, WHILE IT'S NOT ALWAYS ABOUT FUNDING, THE SHARED

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1 FUNDING RELATIONSHIPS THAT DO COME OUT OF THESE PARTNERSHIPS,  
2 FORGED BY THESE OFFICES, OFTEN RESULT IN PROJECTS AND  
3 INNOVATION THAT CATALYZES NEEDED CHANGE. IF YOU LOOK AT THE  
4 PROGRAM GUIDELINES OF MANY FOUNDATIONS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA,  
5 YOU'LL FIND THAT MANY HAVE FUNDING INTERESTS IN CHILD WELFARE.  
6 WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COUNTY, THESE FOUNDATIONS AND  
7 THE COUNTY HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO ACHIEVE GREATER IMPACT AND  
8 PROBABLY MORE EFFICIENCY-- EFFICIENTLY. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT  
9 TO NOTE THAT THE RESOURCES OF PHILANTHROPY ARE VERY LIMITED  
10 WHEN COMPARED TO THE PUBLIC FUNDING STREAMS, BUT PHILANTHROPY  
11 OFTEN DOES HAVE THE ABILITY OF BEING A BIT MORE NIMBLE WITH  
12 THE ABILITY TO FUND THINGS THAT GOVERNMENT CAN'T OVER A SHORT  
13 PERIOD OF TIME.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. WE ALSO HAVE ARNOLD SACHS  
16 AND DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. MAYOR, MAY I JUST SIMPLY SAY TO BOTH  
19 CHRIS ESSEL AND TO FRED ALI, A SPECIAL THANKS FOR STEPPING UP  
20 IN HELPING US MOVE THIS AGENDA, THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION,  
21 FORWARD. IT CAN ONLY HAPPEN THROUGH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE  
22 INVESTMENT. AND SO CHRIS AND FRED, THANKS ONCE AGAIN. AND TO  
23 BOTH SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND KUEHL, THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
24 LEADERSHIP ON THE MATTER.

25

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1     **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MR. SACHS?

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3     **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING, ARNOLD SACHS. I  
4     JUST TOOK A FEW NOTES. THE GRANT MAKERS HAVE BEEN AROUND FOR  
5     40 YEARS. TROUBLED WELFARE SYSTEM, ONE OF THE SPEAKERS  
6     MENTIONED THE TROUBLED WELFARE SYSTEM, THE LIAISON BETWEEN THE  
7     PUBLIC AND THE GOVERNMENT. SO THE FUNDING THAT THIS  
8     PHILANTHROPY WILL DELIVER, IS THAT ADDITIONAL FUNDING? WILL  
9     THAT BE FUNDING IN LIEU OF FUNDING THAT THE COUNTY ALREADY  
10    GETS SO THEY CAN TAKE THE OLD FUNDING AND USE IT FOR SOMETHING  
11    ELSE? WE DIDN'T HEAR TOO MUCH ABOUT THESE PEOPLE DISCUSSING  
12    THE RECLASSIFICATIONS OF POSITIONS THAT GOES ON IN THE COUNTY  
13    IN LIEU OF PAY RAISES, WHICH IS DEFINITELY A LOT OF MONEY. AND  
14    WE CERTAINLY DIDN'T HEAR-- BECAUSE THESE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN  
15    AROUND FOR 40 YEARS, YOU WONDER, THERE WAS JUST A REPORT PUT  
16    OUT BY THE CITY OF L.A. THAT 40 PERCENT OF THE CITY  
17    POPULATION, THE POPULATION OF L.A. IS LIVING CLOSE TO POVERTY  
18    LEVEL. SO YOU WONDER WITH THE INPUT FROM THE COUNTY IN THAT  
19    SITUATION, WHERE HAVE THESE PEOPLE BEEN? I MEAN, THE BLUE  
20    RIBBON COMMISSION IS SIX YEARS IN THE WAITING. HOW MANY OF  
21    THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS WERE THERE, SUPERVISOR KNABE? 852 THAT  
22    YOU HAD BEFORE YOU HAD THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION? SO WHERE IS  
23    THE PHILANTHROPY OBLIGATION TO INTERFERE, JUST STEP IN AND  
24    SAY, WHAT'S GOING ON? WHY ISN'T ANY OF THIS BEING LOOKED INTO?  
25    WHAT EXACTLY ARE THEY GOING TO DO NOW THAT THEY HAVEN'T DONE



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1 BEFORE? WHAT EXACTLY ARE YOU GOING TO DO NOW THAT YOU HAVEN'T  
2 DONE BEFORE? YEAH, THANK THE TWO NEW SUPERVISORS. SO WHAT HAVE  
3 THE OTHER THREE BEEN DOING FOR THE LAST, 40 YEARS, 30, 20  
4 YEARS, WHEN THIS GROUP HAS BEEN ENGAGED IN THIS ACTIVITY? ALL  
5 OF A SUDDEN THEY'RE GOING TO COME UP WITH A MAGIC ELIXIR? I  
6 JUST DON'T SEE IT HAPPENING.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. GENEVIEVE?

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10 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
11 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I AM VERY SUPPORTIVE OF THIS PROJECT  
12 AND I APPRECIATE THE MOTIVATION BEHIND IT, AND BETTER LATE  
13 THAN NEVER, BUT I HAVE BEEN VERY IMPRESSED WITH WHAT A LOT OF  
14 THE CALIFORNIA ENDOWMENT HAS BEEN DOING AND OTHER NONPROFITS.  
15 THANK YOU FOR DOING IT.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS.  
18 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.  
19 WE'LL CALL UP ITEM 50. 21, 50, 51, THEY'RE ALL RELATED TO THE  
20 SAME ITEM. WE HAVE THE DEPARTMENT, REGIONAL PLANNING? RICHARD,  
21 DO YOU WANT TO COMMENT ON THIS?

22

23 **SPEAKER:** WE DIDN'T HAVE ANY MORE THAN JUST THE CONSENT ITEM  
24 THAT'S BEFORE YOU THAT WE MADE THE CHANGES THAT WERE OUTLINED  
25 IN THE BOARD LETTER THAT WE SENT YOU LAST WEEK.

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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO LET ME GO TO THE ANTELOPE VALLEY  
3 AND CALL UP MERRYLOU NELSON. SHE'LL BE FOLLOWED BY SUSAN  
4 ZAHNTER WHO WILL BE FOLLOWED BY RICHARD CAMPBELL. JULIE KYLE.  
5 MELISSA WELLMERLING. GOOD MORNING. OKAY. YOU'RE ON. GOOD  
6 MORNING.

7

8 **MERRYLOU NELSON:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS MERRYLOU NELSON. I'M  
9 A RESIDENT OF ANTELOPE VALLEY. AND I WOULD LIKE TO BRIEFLY  
10 ADDRESS THE ANTELOPE VALLEY PLAN AND MY INTERPRETATION OF SOME  
11 SERIOUS DEFICIENCIES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN ADDRESSED. NUMBER ONE,  
12 I BELIEVE THAT VALLEY FEVER ON MANY LEVELS NEEDS TO BE  
13 REVIEWED BY THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OF REGIONAL PLANNING, THE  
14 HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND BASED ON NEW RESULTS OF TESTING THAT WAS  
15 DONE BY PROFESSOR DR. ANJET LAUER FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF  
16 CALIFORNIA AT BAKERSFIELD, SHE WAS CONTRACTED BY N.A.S.A. TO  
17 DO SOIL AND DUST SAMPLING REVIEW AND FOUND OVER MANY SITES  
18 ACROSS ANTELOPE VALLEY THAT VALLEY FEVER SPORES WERE FOUND. WE  
19 CURRENTLY DO NOT HAVE ANY REQUIREMENTS WITHIN THE REGIONAL  
20 PLANNING HIERARCHY FOR ANY OF OUR CONSTRUCTION SITES THAT ARE  
21 BEING PUT INTO EFFECT TO DO SOIL AND DUST TESTING PRIOR TO  
22 ALLOWING THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORTS TO BE DONE. THERE IS  
23 A VERY HIGH RISK THAT <INAUDIBLE> DISTURBS THE SOIL WILL  
24 RESULT IN MANY ADDITIONAL VALLEY FEVER ISSUES. I WOULD LIKE TO  
25 PROPOSE THAT WITHIN THE REGIONAL PLANNING HIERARCHY THAT SUCH

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1 PROJECTS AND THE PROPOSED REHAB OF THE MIRA LOMA DETENTION  
2 CENTER HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A HIGH RISK AREA FOR THE VALLEY  
3 FEVER SPORES. AND I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THAT INCLUDED IN SOIL  
4 TESTING AND START A DATA STREAM THAT GOES ACROSS THE HEALTH  
5 DEPARTMENT TO THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT SO THAT WE HAVE RELIABLE  
6 INFORMATION THAT WILL IDENTIFY. AND I'D LIKE TO SEE THE A.V.  
7 A.Q.M.D. BE INCLUDED IN THESE MONITORING AND APPROVAL EFFORTS.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

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11 **MERRYLOU NELSON:** THANK YOU.

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13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MS. NELSON. GOOD MORNING.

14

15 **SUSAN ZAHNTER:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS SUSAN ZAHNTER,  
16 LONGTIME RESIDENT OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, 34 YEARS. I'M VICE  
17 PRESIDENT OF THE THREE POINTS LIEBRE MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL. I  
18 JUST WANTED TO STATE THAT I SEE INCONSISTENCY BETWEEN  
19 PROMOTING RURAL LIFESTYLE AND FOCUSING ALL RESIDENTIAL  
20 DEVELOPMENT AND INCREASED TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM RURAL  
21 TOWN AREAS, MANY RURAL TOWN AREAS, WITH LITTLE EXISTING  
22 INFRASTRUCTURE, SOMETHING I KNOW MY COMMUNITY HAS NOT SOUGHT.  
23 I SEE INCONSISTENCY IN PROVIDING SPECIAL INTEREST EXEMPTION  
24 FROM NEARLY EVERY POLICY MEANT TO PROTECT THE COUNTY'S RURAL  
25 COMMUNITIES, NATURAL RESOURCES AND RESIDENTS FROM

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1 INAPPROPRIATE DEVELOPMENT. ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AREAS ARE  
2 EXEMPT FROM VIRTUALLY ALL MAJOR POLICIES MEANT TO PROTECT  
3 RESIDENTS IN SURROUNDING RURAL ENVIRONMENTS INCLUDING SPECIAL  
4 MANAGEMENT AREAS, HILLSIDE MANAGEMENT AREAS, SIGNIFICANT  
5 ECOLOGICAL AREAS, SCENIC RESOURCE AREAS, HIGH FIRE HAZARD  
6 SEVERITY ZONES, EARTHQUAKE ZONES, AGRICULTURAL AREAS, AREAS  
7 NEAR NATIONAL FORESTS, RIPARIAN AND WETLAND AREAS AND  
8 GROUNDWATER RECHARGE BASINS. NOT ONLY DOES THIS PUT PEOPLE AT  
9 RISK, IT'S ESSENTIALLY UNFAIR TO ANYONE ELSE BUILDING IN ANY  
10 OTHER AREA WHO MUST ABIDE BY POLICIES DESIGNED TO PROTECT  
11 RESIDENTS AND RESOURCES. FINALLY I SEE A LACK OF CONSISTENCY  
12 IN THIS PLAN THAT SAYS IT PROMOTES AND PROTECTS AGRICULTURAL  
13 RESOURCES, YET THE COUNTY HAS TARGETED A-2 LANDS FOR UTILITY  
14 SCALE SOLAR DEVELOPMENT AND IS INVOLVED IN WATER ADJUDICATION  
15 THAT WILL LIMIT IRRIGATION ON SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL  
16 PARCELS AS WELL AS ALL AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES, WHICH WILL  
17 PROMOTE FOULING OF LAND AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE SPREAD OF VALLEY  
18 FEVER THROUGH WIND DRIVEN DUST EVENTS, THUS FAILING TO PROMOTE  
19 THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF ANTELOPE VALLEY RESIDENTS. THANK  
20 YOU.

21  
22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

23  
24 **RICHARD CAMPBELL:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS RICHARD CAMPBELL  
25 WITH THE ANTELOPE VALLEY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT. THANK

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1 YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE ISSUES  
2 IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. ONE OF THE GREATEST CONCERNS WE HAVE,  
3 OF COURSE, IS THE DUST ISSUE. I'VE BEEN HERE OVER 30 YEARS, I  
4 HAVE SEEN TWO MAJOR DUST STORMS IN THE VALLEY. SOME OF THE  
5 WORST DUST STORMS I'VE SEEN IN MY CAREER HAS BEEN IN EROSION  
6 CONTROL. AND SO WE'RE REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT THAT, ANY LAND  
7 THAT'S DISTURBED, IT WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DUST IN THE AIR.  
8 AND THEN WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THAT AND CONCERNED ABOUT ALSO  
9 PUTTING TOGETHER A PROGRAM THAT WOULD ALSO ALLEVIATE THE  
10 PROBLEM AND ALSO HELP THE CITIZEN TO ALLEVIATE THE PROBLEM AND  
11 UNDERSTAND WHAT THE PROBLEM IS IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. AND  
12 ALSO WE'RE INTERESTED IN THE HEALTH CONCERNS, TOO, BECAUSE WE  
13 NOTICE THERE'S A BIG INCREASE IN VALLEY FEVER AND SOME OTHER  
14 INCIDENTAL HEALTH ISSUES IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. SO IT'S VERY  
15 IMPORTANT FOR US TO GET CONTROL OF THE DUST HERE AND HAVE A  
16 PROGRAM THAT WE CAN LOOK TO THAT WILL HELP SOLVE THE PROBLEM  
17 ONCE THOSE PROBLEMS ARISE. SO OUR MISSION IS TO DEVELOP A  
18 PROGRAM, A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM WITH THE ANTELOPE VALLEY  
19 RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT, SO THAT PEOPLE CAN COME AND  
20 GET INFORMATION AND GET GUIDANCE ON HOW TO SOLVE THE EROSION  
21 PROBLEM THEY HAVE. SO WE WANT TO THANK YOU FOR HAVING THE  
22 OPPORTUNITY TO COME BEFORE YOU TODAY TO TALK ABOUT THE PROBLEM  
23 AND HOPEFULLY WE'LL BE ABLE TO WORK TOGETHER TO ADDRESS IT.  
24 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

25

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU MR. CAMPBELL. WE ARE  
2    ADDRESSING DUST BY BANNING ALL MASS GRADING AND DISALLOWING  
3    ANY PART OF THE SOLAR PROJECTS. THE OFFICE IS NOW WORKING WITH  
4    THE DUST BUSTERS AND THE A.Q.M.D. TO ADDRESS THOSE ISSUES  
5    BECAUSE I AGREE THAT WAS A SERIOUS PROBLEM, AND YOU HAD SOME  
6    SERIOUS ACCIDENTS BECAUSE OF THE SAGE BRUSHES GOING AND THE  
7    DUST STORMS.

8

9    **RICHARD CAMPBELL:** YES, WE HAVE, SUPERVISOR. AND THANK YOU SO  
10   MUCH. I WORKED ON THAT TASKFORCE WITH YOU EARLY INITIALLY WHEN  
11   IT GOT STARTED.

12

13   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YES, SIR.

14

15   **RICHARD CAMPBELL:** WE DID MAKE A LOT OF HEADWAY, WE JUST STILL  
16   HAVE SOME OTHER THINGS WE NEED TO DO. WE WANT TO THANK YOU SO  
17   MUCH FOR YOUR CONCERN AND THE HELP THAT YOU HAVE PROVIDED US  
18   IN SOLVING THE RESOURCE PROBLEM HERE IN ANTELOPE VALLEY. SO WE  
19   LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING THAT RELATIONSHIP.

20

21   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
22   LEADERSHIP. AND THAT TIME YOU WERE WORKING WITH SHERI IN MY  
23   OFFICE AND THE WHOLE GROUP. AND WE THANK YOU FOR THAT  
24   PARTICIPATION.

25

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1    **RICHARD CAMPBELL:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR.

2

3    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. OKAY.

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5    **JULIE KYLE:** GOOD MORNING, MAYOR ANTONOVICH, BOARD MEMBERS AND  
6    STAFF. MY NAME IS JULIE KYLE. WE ARE FARMERS ON THE EAST SIDE  
7    OF LANCASTER AND OPERATE A FAMILY FARM. I ALSO REPRESENT L.A.  
8    COUNTY FARM BUREAU, SERVING AS THE DIRECTOR WITH THE BUREAU.  
9    WE DO UNDERSTAND THE NEED TO UPDATE THE GENERAL PLAN, AS THE  
10   AREA GROWS, CHANGES AND DEVELOPS, BUT THE ZONING OVERLAYS THAT  
11   ARE BEING PLACED ON OUR PROPERTY ARE VERY DESTRUCTIVE TO  
12   PROPERTY VALUES, WHICH IS A BIG CONCERN TO US. WE PURCHASED  
13   OUR PROPERTY WITH THE INTENT OF USING THAT AS A RETIREMENT  
14   PLAN. AND WITH THESE OVERLAYS, IT DESTROYS OUR PROPERTY  
15   VALUES. IN PARTICULAR, THE BURDENS OF FINANCIAL DISPLACEMENT  
16   THAT IT PUTS ON OUR LAND, IT'S DEVASTATING. WHEN WE PURCHASED  
17   OUR LAND, THE ZONING WAS 2-1/2 AND 5-ACRE ZONES, PARCELS. NOW  
18   WE'RE TALKING 10, 20S, 40S. I REALIZE THE 40S HAVE BEEN  
19   ELIMINATED, BUT 10S AND 20S. IT JUST DESTROYS WHAT WE'VE  
20   WORKED SO HARD TO PASS ALONG TO OUR KIDS AS WE GO ALONG. I  
21   APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE ABLE TO ADDRESS YOU TODAY.  
22   THANK YOU.

23

24   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM.

25



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1   **MELISSA WELLMERLING:** GOOD MORNING, MAYOR ANTONOVICH, BOARD  
2   MEMBERS AND STAFF. MY NAME IS MELISSA WELLMERLING. I'M THE  
3   OFFICE MANAGER AT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FARM BUREAU. THE AREA  
4   PLAN WILL DESTROY THE LAND VALUE OF OUR RANCHES AND FARMS.  
5   THERE IS NO MARKET IN ANTELOPE VALLEY WITH LAND WITH OVERLAYS  
6   WHICH THE PRESENT PLAN PROPOSES. FOR MANY OF US, OUR LAND  
7   REPRESENTS OUR RETIREMENT AND OUR LIFE SAVINGS. WE BELIEVE  
8   THAT OUR STAFF AND COUNTY DEPARTMENTS ARE NOT TELLING YOU WHAT  
9   YOU NEED TO KNOW TO MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS. SINCE THE VALUE  
10   OF OUR PROPERTY IS THE MAIN COLLATERAL OF OUR OPERATING LOANS,  
11   THE POSSIBILITY OF CONTINUING TO OBTAIN THESE LOANS AND  
12   REMAINING IN THE FARMING BUSINESS WILL BE UNLIKELY. THE PLAN  
13   WILL ADD MANY ACRES OF BLOWING DUST AND SAND WHICH WILL BRING  
14   MORE CASES OF VALLEY FEVER TO THE VALLEY. DR. NEBEKER, FARM  
15   BUREAU PRESIDENT, HAS TOLD REGIONAL PLANNING THEY SHOULD  
16   QUANTIFY AND TELL YOU HOW MANY MORE CASES OF VALLEY FEVER WILL  
17   BE CAUSED BY THE PLAN EVERY YEAR AND OF THESE, HOW MANY PEOPLE  
18   WILL DIE. THE FARM BUREAU BELIEVES THIS SHOULD BE CONTINUED  
19   UNTIL THESE ISSUES CAN BE QUANTIFIED OR RESOLVED AND BROUGHT  
20   BACK TO YOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO YOU CAN MAKE AN INFORMED  
21   DECISION. THANK YOU.

22

23   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME CALL IN THE AUDIENCE  
24   DR. EUGENE NEBEKER, CHRISTOPHER CROISDALE, JAMES GRECO, TOM  
25   WALSH. WHILE THEY'RE COMING UP, LET ME ASK REGIONAL PLANNING,

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1   THERE ARE CONCERNS FROM THE COMMUNITY OF ACTON REGARDING THE  
2   S.E.A. EXEMPTION TO SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES, ACCESSORY STRUCTURES  
3   AND ANIMAL-KEEPING FACILITIES. THE MOTION THAT WE HAD APPROVED  
4   UNANIMOUSLY IN 2014 HAD DIRECTED REGIONAL PLANNING TO INCLUDE  
5   THE EXEMPTION OF SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES, ACCESSORY STRUCTURES AND  
6   ANIMAL-KEEPING FACILITIES IN THE S.E.A. ORDINANCE THAT IS  
7   CURRENTLY BEING DRAFTED. AND YOU'RE STILL OPERATING UNDER THAT  
8   BOARD MOTION.

9

10   **SPEAKER:** YES.

11

12   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND DOES THE EXISTING S.E.A. ORDINANCE  
13   EXEMPT SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES AND ACCESSORY STRUCTURES?

14

15   **SPEAKER:** YES.

16

17   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND IF A HOMEOWNER IN S.E.A. TRIED TO  
18   PULL A PERMIT FOR A SINGLE FAMILY HOME, WOULD THEY BE SUBJECT  
19   TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE S.E.A. ORDINANCE AND THE  
20   SAME WITH ACCESSORY STRUCTURES AND ANIMAL-KEEPING FACILITIES  
21   IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SINGLE HOME?

22

23   **SPEAKER:** NO, THEY WOULD NOT.

24

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND ACTON RESIDENTS HAVE ASKED WHY THE  
2    S.E.A. EXEMPTIONS WERE NOT INCLUDED IN THE AREA VALLEY PLAN  
3    SUCH AS POLICY OR AS A FOOTNOTE. WHY WERE THEY NOT INCLUDED?

4

5    **SPEAKER:** BECAUSE THE CURRENT S.E.A. ORDINANCE EXEMPTS SINGLE-  
6    FAMILY HOMES. AND THE DIRECTION THAT YOUR BOARD GAVE US BACK  
7    IN NOVEMBER WAS TO CARRY THAT EXEMPTION THROUGH TO THE  
8    PROPOSED ORDINANCE. AND THAT WILL BE THE APPROPRIATE WAY TO  
9    HANDLE THIS.

10

11   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THERE HAVE BEEN CONCERNS ABOUT  
12   CONFLICTING LANGUAGE IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AREA PLAN THAT  
13   WOULD NOT ALLOW THE EXEMPTIONS. IS THERE ANY CONFLICTING  
14   LANGUAGE?

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16   **SPEAKER:** NO CONFLICTING LANGUAGE, NO.

17

18   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO IT WAS THE INTENT OF THE MOTION TO  
19   APPROVE UNANIMOUSLY THAT SINGLE HOMES, ACCESSORY STRUCTURES  
20   AND ANIMAL KEEPING FACILITIES, WOULD BE EXEMPT FROM THE S.E.A.  
21   ORDINANCE IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY PLAN. SO I WOULD ASK THAT THE  
22   DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL PLANNING BRING THAT S.E.A ORDINANCE TO  
23   THE BOARD FOR ADOPTION BY THE FIRST QUARTER OF NEXT YEAR AND  
24   THE ORDINANCE TO INCLUDE THOSE EXEMPTIONS OF HOMES, ACCESSORY  
25   STRUCTURES AND ANIMAL-KEEPING FACILITIES AND NOTIFYING

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1 ANTELOPE VALLEY FIELD OFFICE OF CURRENT EXEMPTIONS IN THE  
2 S.E.A. ORDINANCE, AND THE INTENT OF THE BOARD THAT RESIDENTS  
3 ARE NOT GIVEN-- SO THE RESIDENTS WILL RECEIVE ONE SET OF  
4 INFORMATION, NOT CONFLICTING INFORMATION. THANK YOU. YES, SIR.

5

6 **DR. EUGENE NEBEKER:** MAYOR ANTONOVICH, BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF,  
7 I REALLY APPRECIATE AS PRESIDENT OF THE FARM BUREAU, THE  
8 ABILITY TO COME BEFORE YOU AND EXPRESS OUR CONCERN. AS OTHER  
9 PEOPLE HAVE SAID, WE'RE CONCERNED ABOUT THE DIMINISHING OF  
10 PROPERTY VALUES, THE LESSENING OF PROPERTY TAX INCOME FLOW TO  
11 THE COUNTY AND ALSO THIS WHOLE ISSUE OF VALLEY FEVER, WHICH WE  
12 THINK THE AREA PLAN IS GOING TO EXACERBATE. THESE ARE BIG  
13 DEALS, AND I DON'T THINK THEY HAVE BEEN ADEQUATELY REPRESENTED  
14 TO YOU. THEY ARE HUGE DEALS. WE BELIEVE YOUR STAFFS AND COUNTY  
15 DEPARTMENTS HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO TELL YOU REALLY WHAT YOU  
16 NEED TO KNOW TO MAKE AN INFORMED DECISION. WE DON'T WANT YOU  
17 TO GO OUT THERE BECAUSE OF LACK OF FACTS AND INFORMATION AND  
18 MAKE DECISIONS THAT ARE GOING TO BE VERY DAMAGING TO THE  
19 COMMUNITY OF ANTELOPE VALLEY. FARM BUREAU HAS BEEN WRITING  
20 LETTERS AND MEETING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING  
21 FOR OVER FOUR YEARS AND HAS BEEN CONCERNED ABOUT THE  
22 CONSEQUENCES OF THE AREA PLAN. THESE ARE NOT NEW ISSUES. FOR  
23 EXAMPLE, I'M WORKING WITH THEM NOW TO TRY TO QUANTIFY THE  
24 EFFECT OF THE KILLING OF THE PROPERTY VALUES UP THERE. I ALSO  
25 THINK THAT THEY SHOULD TRY TO WORK WITH PUBLIC HEALTH WHICH

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1 I'M WORKING WITH NOW TO TELL YOU HOW MANY PEOPLE WILL GET SICK  
2 ON THE AVERAGE, AND OF THOSE, WHAT PERCENTAGE WILL DIE. I HAVE  
3 BEEN ALSO WORKING WITH AND CONTINUE TO WORK WITH MEMBERS OF  
4 THE BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE WHICH HAS BEEN INITIATED BY MAYOR  
5 ANTONOVICH. SPECIFICALLY, RURAL PROPERTY APPRAISERS AND REAL  
6 ESTATE BROKERS HAVE INFORMED ME THAT THE SO-CALLED OVERLAYS  
7 WHICH THESE OTHER PEOPLE HAVE DISCUSSED WILL REDUCE A LOT OF  
8 PROPERTY VALUES UP THERE TO ALMOST ZERO. AND THAT LADY THAT  
9 TALKED EARLIER TOLD HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO THE FARMERS THAT  
10 HAVE PUT THEIR LIFE SAVINGS AND LIVES INTO THIS THING. I HATE  
11 TO COME BEFORE YOU TO MOAN AND GROAN AND CARRY ON WITHOUT  
12 OFFERING SOME KIND OF A SOLUTION. I THINK THE BASIS OF A  
13 SOLUTION WILL BE TO RECOGNIZE ANTELOPE VALLEY, HOW IT IS NOW  
14 AND HOW IT'S BEEN FOR CENTURIES. IT'S A RURAL COMMUNITY THAT  
15 HAS VERY HEAVY AND SUSTAINED WINDS. AND EVERYBODY KNOWS IT'S  
16 ENDEMIC FOR VALLEY FEVER. WE CAN'T IGNORE THESE THINGS. THE  
17 FARM BUREAU SEES NO REASON AT ALL FOR THIS AREA PLAN IN THE  
18 PRESENT FORM IT IS, WHICH DESTROYS PEOPLE'S PROPERTY VALUES,  
19 DECIMATES THE PROPERTY TAX INCOME FLOW AND CREATES HEALTH AND  
20 WELFARE PROBLEMS. THE FARM BUREAU'S ANXIOUS TO BRING THIS  
21 PROCESS TO AN END. IT'S BEEN GOING ON FOR TOO LONG. HOWEVER,  
22 PLEASE CONSIDER A SHORT CONTINUANCE OR SOME ACTION ITEM TO  
23 ADDRESS THESE VERY REAL CONCERNS. THE FARM BUREAU NEEDS A  
24 LITTLE MORE TIME TO WORK WITH YOUR STAFFS AND ALSO THAT OF THE  
25 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION TO QUANTIFY THESE DESTRUCTIVE

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1 CONSEQUENCES OF THE PLAN AND TO PRESENT THEM TO YOU WITH  
2 RECOMMENDATIONS HOW TO AVOID OR MITIGATE THESE VERY NEGATIVE  
3 CONSEQUENCES. AGAIN, MAYOR ANTONOVICH, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR  
4 YOUR TIME.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. YES, SIR.

7

8 **CHRISTOPHER CROISDALE:** MAYOR ANTONOVICH, BOARD MEMBERS AND MY  
9 7-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER WHO HAS LET ME COME HERE TO SPEAK TODAY.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** COOL.

12

13 **CHRISTOPHER CROISDALE:** SHE IS IN THE AUDIENCE. I WANTED TO  
14 THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THE TIME TO SPEAK. I AM THE PRESIDENT  
15 OF THE ACTON TOWN COUNCIL AND I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF THE ACTON  
16 TOWN COUNCIL. AND I BELIEVE THAT WE ARE ALL IN AGREEMENT THAT  
17 SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCES AND SUBSEQUENT SUBSTRUCTURES ARE  
18 EXEMPT. BUT I AM UNDER THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE A.B. AREA  
19 PLAN IS GOING TO BE THE DOMINANT FACTOR HERE WHEN IT COMES UP,  
20 AND IF THERE'S ANY DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THIS AND THE S.E.A.  
21 ORDINANCE. AND WE STILL THINK THAT IF IT'S NOT MENTION THE AT  
22 ALL IN THE A.V. PLAN, SOMEONE BASICALLY AT THE PLANNING DESK  
23 MAY NOT HAVE THAT INFORMATION. AND WHILE IT WILL BE AVAILABLE,  
24 OBVIOUSLY IT IS GOING TO BE MADE AVAILABLE, IT WILL BE EXTRA  
25 WORK, EXTRA PHONE CALLS AND EXTRA TIME IT WILL TAKE TO CLARIFY

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1 THIS IN THE FUTURE. AND I REALLY BELIEVE THAT A SIMPLE  
2 FOOTNOTE WITH AN ATTACHMENT OF YOUR STATEMENT OF INTENT TO THE  
3 A.B. PLAN WILL SAVE ALL OF US A LOT OF TIME AND HEADACHES IN  
4 THE FUTURE.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. AND THAT'S NOT A PROBLEM?

7

8 **SPEAKER:** WELL, THE, WORKING DOCUMENT USUALLY FOR THE FIELD  
9 OFFICES WOULD BE THE ZONING CODE. IT'S USUALLY WHEN THERE'S  
10 QUESTIONS ABOUT HOW TO INTERPRET THE ZONING CODE THAT WE WOULD  
11 REFER TO THE PLAN. BUT I THINK ON A WORKING LEVEL, HAVING THE  
12 EXEMPTIONS BE IN THE CODE, WHICH WOULD BE THE S.E.A.  
13 ORDINANCE, WILL BE THE CORRECT PLACE TO DO THAT.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** BUT A FOOTNOTE BETWEEN TIME WOULD  
16 ALERT THE DESK PERSONNEL THAT THAT WAS TO BE INCLUDED?  
17 RICHARD?

18

19 **SPEAKER:** WHAT WE COULD DO IS PROVIDE A STAFF DIRECTION AND  
20 MAKE IT VERY CLEAR. AND WE COULD CERTAINLY PROVIDE THAT TO THE  
21 ACTON TOWN COUNCIL, A DIRECTIVE FROM ME TO MY STAFF HOW TO  
22 DEAL WITH THIS, MR. MAYOR. IT WOULD BE VERY CLEAR AND WE'LL  
23 WORK WITH YOU ON THAT LANGUAGE.

24



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1   **CHRISTOPHER CROISDALE:** WE WOULD APPRECIATE THAT. AS LONG AS  
2   IT'S WITHIN PROXIMITY OF WHEN EVERYONE LOOKS IN THE A.V. PLAN  
3   AND MAKES IT SIMPLE TO BE UNDERSTOOD.

4

5   **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** WE'LL ENSURE, MR. MAYOR. I HEARD YOUR  
6   INSTRUCTION TO US ON THE S.E.A. ORDINANCE AND CERTAINLY THE  
7   CONCERN. SO WE'LL ENSURE THAT ALL OUR COUNTY STAFF HAS  
8   INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO DEAL WITH THAT.

9

10   **CHRISTOPHER CROISDALE:** THAT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE, THANK YOU.

11

12   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. YES, SIR.

13

14   **SPEAKER:** MAYOR ANTONOVICH AND BOARD MEMBERS, THANK YOU FOR  
15   ALLOWING US TO BE HERE TODAY. I'M TALKING SPECIFICALLY ABOUT A  
16   PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE BRIDGE TO NOWHERE THAT'S LOCATED IN THE  
17   MIDDLE OF THE ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST. I'M A VOLUNTEER, THE  
18   FISHERIES RESOURCE VOLUNTEER CORPS. OUR MISSION IS TO PROTECT  
19   AND MONITOR WILD TROUT STREAMS IN THE ANGELES AND SAN  
20   BERNARDINO FOREST. ONE OF THE STREAMS THAT WE PATROL AND  
21   MONITOR IS A SIX MILE SECTION OF THE EAST FORK OF THE SAN  
22   GABRIEL RIVER. MUCH OF OUR WORK INVOLVES INTERACTING WITH  
23   FOREST VISITORS, ANSWERING QUESTIONS, PROVIDING ASSISTANCE,  
24   MAKING THEM AWARE OF REGULATIONS IN PARTICULAR. EVERY WEEKEND  
25   OF THE YEAR, BUNGEE AMERICA BRINGS 100 TO 150 CUSTOMERS TO THE

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1 EAST FORK TRAIL HEAD TO HIKE FIVE MILES TO THE BRIDGE TO  
2 NOWHERE TO BUNGEE JUMP FROM THE BRIDGE. OVER THE PAST 16 YEARS  
3 I'VE ENCOUNTERED A VARIETY OF ISSUES THAT HAVE PUT THEIR  
4 CUSTOMERS AND OTHER FOREST VISITORS AT RISK OF INJURY IN THE  
5 FIVE-MILE SECTION BETWEEN THE EAST FORK PARKING LOT WHILE  
6 HIKING ON FOREST SERVICE LAND. WITH 80 TO 100 BUNGEE CUSTOMERS  
7 ARRIVING AT THE PARKING LOT AT 7 A.M. EVERY SATURDAY, ANOTHER  
8 30 TO 50 EVERY SUNDAY, THE BUNGEE GROUP DOMINATES THE  
9 AVAILABLE PARKING, RESULTING IN ILLEGAL PARKING ON FOREST  
10 PARKING LOT BY THEIR CUSTOMERS AND OTHERS, CAUSING RESTRICTED  
11 ACCESS FOR COUNTY AND FOREST SERVICE EMERGENCY VEHICLES. IN  
12 ADDITION, FAMILY MEMBERS WITH SMALL CHILDREN WHO ARRIVE LATER  
13 IN THE MORNING ARE FORCED TO WALK IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD AN  
14 EXTRA MILE TO 2 MILES TO REACH THE TRAIL HEAD, AN OBVIOUS  
15 OVERCROWDED ENVIRONMENT. BUNGEE AMERICA HAS MADE NO EFFORT TO  
16 PROVIDE ANY METHOD OF OFFSITE PARKING OR TRANSPORTATION FOR  
17 THEIR CUSTOMERS. MANY OF THE BUNGEE CUSTOMERS ARE NOT PREPARED  
18 FOR A HIKE THAT IS PROMOTED AS A SAFE AND MODERATE HIKE. THE  
19 MODERATE HIKE CAN QUICKLY CHANGE TO A SEVERE HIKE OR WORSE DUE  
20 TO THE LACK OF DRINKING WATER, PHYSICAL ABILITY, TRAIL AND  
21 STREAM CONDITIONS AND THE LACK OF BUNGEE GUIDES IN AND OUT OF  
22 THE FOREST. IF YOU'RE UNABLE TO KEEP UP WITH THE PACE OF THE  
23 BUNGEE GROUP AND LAG BEHIND, YOU ARE ON YOUR OWN TO GET TO THE  
24 BRIDGE, EVEN THOUGH YOU HAVE PREPAID \$99 FOR A SINGLE JUMP. ON  
25 THE RETURN HIKE OUT OF THE CANYON, BUNGEE CUSTOMERS ARE ON

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1 THEIR OWN TO GET TO SAFETY BACK TO THE TRAIL HEAD. THERE ARE  
2 SEVERAL STREAM CROSSINGS DURING THE FIVE-MILE HIKE TO THE  
3 BRIDGE. TWO OF THESE CROSSINGS BUNGEE AMERICA HAVE DRILLED  
4 INTO CANYON WALLS.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YOU WANT TO WRAP THAT UP, WRAP IT UP.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** HAVE DRILLED INTO THESE WALLS PROVIDING AN UNSAFE  
9 ENVIRONMENT FOR THEM AT THESE CROSSINGS. THE LACK OF CONCERN  
10 FOR THEIR CUSTOMERS AND FOREST VISITORS HAS RESULTED IN SWIFT  
11 WATER RESCUES BY FOREST VISITORS AND VOLUNTEERS. THE  
12 PREVAILING ATTITUDE OF THIS BUSINESS IS BASICALLY "WE'LL CUT  
13 CORNERS AND RISK THE CONSEQUENCES." THERE IS NO PLACE FOR THIS  
14 BUSINESS IN THE ANGELES NATIONAL FOR FOREST, THE HEART OF THE  
15 SHEET MOUNT WILDERNESS AND THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS NATIONAL  
16 MONUMENT.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP FORREST  
19 MCELROY, TOM WALSH AND JAMES GRECO. YES, SIR.

20

21 **JAMES GRECO:** AND I AM JAMES GRECO.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** HOLD ON, THEN. AND CHRISTOPHER  
24 CROISDALE.

25

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1   **TOM GRECO:** HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, THANK YOU FOR THE  
2   OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO YOU THIS MORNING. MY COMMENTS WILL BE  
3   BRIEF. I'M HERE REPRESENTING BRUCE BURROUGHS, WHO IS A  
4   PROPERTY OWNER IN THE WESTERN ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AREA.  
5   ACCORDING TO THE PLAN AS PROPOSED, HE WOULD BE REQUIRED TO OR  
6   IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT HE PREPARE A SPECIFIC PLAN IN ORDER TO  
7   DEVELOP HIS PROPERTY. WE SUPPORT THAT RECOMMENDATION. WE  
8   SUPPORT ALL THE HARD WORK THAT THE COUNTY STAFF AND YOU HAVE  
9   PUT IN TO THIS DOCUMENT AND ALL THE OTHER ASSOCIATED PERMITS  
10   THAT ARE REQUIRED IN ORDER TO GET THIS IMPORTANT UPDATE  
11   ADOPTED. SO I'M HERE TO GIVE MY STRONG SUPPORT AND THANK YOU  
12   FOR YOUR HELP.

13

14   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. IS CHRISTOPHER HERE? TOM  
15   WALSH? DAN SILVER. BEN WHITE?

16

17   **FORREST MCELROY:** GOOD MORNING, MR. MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE  
18   BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS FORREST MCELROY FROM  
19   PALMDALE, CALIFORNIA. I LIVE IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF LOS  
20   ANGELES COUNTY AND HAVE FOR OVER 50 YEARS. I WAS INVOLVED IN  
21   THE-- 26 YEARS AGO IN THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE  
22   PRESENT COUNTY-WIDE PLAN AND HAVE BEEN INVOLVED ON THE BLUE  
23   RIBBON COMMITTEE FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS, HAVE HAD COUNTLESS  
24   MEETINGS IN THE 20S AND 30S. AND I'M HERE TODAY TO REPRESENT  
25   THE BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE AND TO THANK THE BOARD, MR.

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1 ANTONOVICH, AND PARTICULARLY THANK THE STAFF OF THE COUNTY AND  
2 THEIR WORKING WITH US AND HOPEFULLY OUR WORKING WITH THEM. THE  
3 BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE ENDORSES THIS PLAN. WE'VE WORKED HARD.  
4 NO PLAN IS PERFECT, I KNOW THAT FROM HAVING BEEN IN  
5 ADMINISTRATION FOR A WHILE.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

8

9 **FORREST MCELROY:** THAT'S RIGHT. I'VE BEEN INVOLVED IN BUILDING,  
10 PLANNING LOTS OF SCHOOLS FOR LOTS OF MONEY. I'VE BEEN RETIRED  
11 FOR SOME 20 YEARS NOW. I THOUGHT I WAS RETIRED FROM PUBLIC  
12 SPEAKING. BUT EVIDENTLY I'M NOT. BUT I'M HAPPY TO BE HERE  
13 TODAY. I WANT YOU TO KNOW THE BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE SUPPORTS  
14 THE PLAN. NO PLAN IS PERFECT. BUT WE'VE WORKED HARD AND WORKED  
15 WITH YOUR STAFF AND WITH MR. ANTONOVICH'S STAFF. AND I JUST  
16 THINK THAT IT'S TIME FOR US TO MOVE ON AND WE APPRECIATE  
17 EVERYTHING THAT'S BEEN DONE. AND HOPEFULLY THE BOARD WILL  
18 SUPPORT THIS PLAN AND GET IT APPROVED AS THEY HAVE ALREADY  
19 APPROVED THE INITIAL PLAN. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, FORREST. LET ME ALSO CALL  
22 UP THOMAS COSTAN, ROLAND KAVELAAR? YES, SIR?

23

24 **BEN WHITE:** LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS BEN  
25 WHITE. I LIVE IN MONROVIA. WHEN I FIRST STARTED HIKING BY

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1 MYSELF IN THE AREA THAT I'M GOING TALK ABOUT 56 YEARS AGO, FOR  
2 THE PAST 23 YEARS I HAVE BEEN A VOLUNTEER WITH THE SAN GABRIEL  
3 MOUNTAINS TRAIL BUILDERS AND HAVE SPENT MANY HUNDREDS OF HOURS  
4 OF VOLUNTEER WORK REPAIRING AND MAINTAINING THE TRAIL AT THE  
5 EAST FORK OF THE SAN GABRIEL RIVER. I AM OPPOSED TO INCLUDING  
6 LOS ANGELES COUNTY CENSUS PROPERTY 8678-002-009 IN THE  
7 ANTELOPE VALLEY PLAN. THE LAND IS LEGALLY KNOWN AS SAUNDERS  
8 MINE L.L.C. AND IS COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE BRIDGE TO NOWHERE.  
9 THE EAST FORK OF THE SAN GABRIEL RIVER FLOWS UNDER THE BRIDGE  
10 AND THROUGH THE SAUNDERS MINE PROPERTY. THIS PRIVATE PROPERTY  
11 IS APPROXIMATELY 50 ACRES AND COMPLETELY SURROUNDED BY THE  
12 BEAUTIFUL AND DAZZLING 44,000 ACRE SHEET MOUNT WILDERNESS  
13 AREA. THE SHEET MOUNT WILDERNESS AREA IS IN OUR BRAND NEW SAN  
14 GABRIEL MOUNTAINS NATIONAL MONUMENT, WHICH IS 346,177 ACRES IN  
15 SIZE. THIS PRIVATE PROPERTY WAS ISSUED A NOTICE OF VIOLATION  
16 LAST YEAR. THE VIOLATIONS INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING: AN AMUSEMENT  
17 RIDE IS BEING MAINTAINED ON THE PREMISES, ZIP LINE OPERATION,  
18 AN AMUSEMENT RIDE IS BEING OPERATED ON THE PREMISES, BUNGEE  
19 JUMPING OPERATION, AND THREE OR MORE CARGO CONTAINERS ARE  
20 BEING MAINTAINED ON THE PREMISES. THE CURRENT OWNER OF THE  
21 PROPERTY IS ATTEMPTING TO GAIN A CLEAN HANDS WAIVER TO  
22 CONTINUE THE BUSINESS OF CONDUCTING ILLEGAL BUNGEE JUMPING AT  
23 THE LOCATION. BUNGEE JUMPING, OR PROVIDING ZIP LINE RIDES FOR  
24 ACCESSING THIS PROPERTY BY HELICOPTER IS A SIGNIFICANT CHANGE  
25 FROM WHAT THE PROPERTY WAS FORMERLY USED FOR. THIS PROPER

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1 FORMAL USE WAS TO SIT AS VACANT LAND AND THIS PROPERTY WAS NOT  
2 USED FOR ANY COMMERCIAL PURPOSES. DESPITE FORMER PASSIVE USE,  
3 COMMERCIAL USE WAS DEVELOPED ILLEGALLY, BY SAUNDERS MINE AND  
4 THE BUNGEE JUMPING CONCERN. THE COMMERCIAL USES FOR THIS LAND  
5 ARE NOT A CONTINUATION OF A PRIOR USE ALWAYS THERE WAS NO  
6 ACTIVE USE AT ALL. SAUNDERS MINE L.L.C. AND THE BUNGEE  
7 OPERATION WILL SUFFER NO DISPROPORTIONATE HARDSHIPS IF NO  
8 CLEAN HANDS WAIVER IS GRANTED BY ALLOWING OR BEING DISALLOWED  
9 TO EVER OPERATE. THIS BUSINESS CAN OPERATE ANYWHERE LIKE MAGIC  
10 MOUNTAIN OR THE L.A. COUNTY FAIR. THE SURROUNDING WILDERNESS  
11 CANNOT BE MOVED.

12  
13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** COULD YOU WRAP IT UP? THANK YOU.

14  
15 **BEN WHITE:** THE OWNER OF THE BUSINESS BUNGEE JUMPING BUSINESS  
16 HAS NOT OBTAINED A FEDERALLY REQUIRED OUTFITTER GUIDE PERMIT.  
17 SUCH PERMIT IS REQUIRED FOR COMMERCIAL TRAVEL THROUGH FEDERAL  
18 WILDERNESS AREAS. BUNGEE JUMPERS MUST WALK ABOUT THREE MILES  
19 THROUGH THE SHEET MOUNT WILDERNESS AREA TO REACH THE SAUNDERS  
20 MINE PROPERTY.

21  
22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

23  
24 **BEN WHITE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.



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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. YES, SIR.

2

3    **DAN SILVER:** GOOD MORNING, MAYOR ANTONOVICH, MEMBERS OF THE  
4    BOARD. I'M DAN SILVER REPRESENTING ENDANGERED HABITATS LEAGUE  
5    IN LOS ANGELES. WHILE RECOGNIZING THE BENEFITS OF THE ENVELOPE  
6    VALLEY AREA PLAN, THERE ARE TWO MAJOR PROBLEMS WITH THE  
7    CENTRAL AND EAST E.O.A.S TO WHICH OUR OBJECTIONS ARE LIMITED.  
8    THE FIRST IS THAT AT SIX TIMES THE SIZE OF PASADENA, THEY ARE  
9    FAR TOO LARGE FOR ANY LEGITIMATE PLANNING PURPOSE; RATHER,  
10    THESE E.O.A.S SHOULD BE SCALED BACK CONSISTENT WITH THEIR  
11    INTENDED PURPOSE OF FOCUSED GENERATION OF EMPLOYMENT NEAR  
12    TRANSPORTATION. BY DOING SO, THE ILL-ADVISED ROLLBACK OF  
13    SIGNIFICANT ECOLOGICAL AREAS BY 14,000 ACRES IN THESE  
14    LOCATIONS WOULD ALSO BE AVERTED. SECONDLY, THE MASSIVE EAST  
15    AND CENTRAL E.O.A.S WOULD BE SUBJECT TO BROAD AND UNWARRANTED  
16    PUBLIC SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL EXEMPTIONS SUCH AS EARTHQUAKE  
17    FAULT, FIRE HAZARD, FLOOD, LANDSLIDES, OPEN SPACE AND GROUND  
18    WATER. THESE EXEMPTIONS COVER 90,000 ACRES. THEY SHOULD BE  
19    REPLACED BY RATIONAL AND LESS DANGEROUS MEASURES TO FACILITATE  
20    ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. MANY OF THESE CHANGES WERE THE RESULT OF  
21    A PRECIPITOUSLY APPROVED MOTION IN NOVEMBER. AND IT'S VERY  
22    REASONABLE TO RE-VISIT THESE COUPLE AREAS, THE BOUNDARIES AND  
23    THE POLICIES OF THE EAST AND CENTRAL E.O.A.S. HOWEVER, IF YOUR  
24    BOARD WISHES TO OTHERWISE MOVE FORWARD ON THE ANTELOPE VALLEY

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1 PLAN AS A WHOLE, THIS RE-VISITING COULD BE DONE VIA A SEPARATE  
2 MOTION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. RICHARD MARVIN?  
5 RICHARD MARVIN? ILEENE ANDERSON? ILEENE ANDERSON? TOM WALSH.  
6 EITHER ONE DOESN'T MATTER, WHO WANTS TO GO FIRST?

7

8 **TOM COSTAN:** OKAY, I'LL GO FIRST. MY NAME IS TOM COSTAN. I'M A  
9 RESIDENT OF ACTON. I'M ALSO A MEMBER OF THE TOWN COUNCIL BUT  
10 I'M HERE SPEAKING TODAY MAINLY AS A RESIDENT AND A PROPERTY  
11 OWNER. WHEN I PURCHASED MY PROPERTY APPROXIMATELY 8 YEARS AGO  
12 IN ACTON IT WAS NOT INCLUDED IN AN S.E.A. WITH THIS EXPANSION  
13 OF THE S.E.A., I AM NOW INCLUDED. THERE ARE USES FOR MY  
14 PROPERTY THAT I INTENDED TO USE THAT IN THE S.E.A. I WILL NOT  
15 BE ABLE TO USE, SUCH AS AGRICULTURE. I KNOW WE HAVE  
16 EXEMPTIONS, OR WE'RE TALKING ABOUT EXEMPTIONS FOR ANIMAL USE,  
17 SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLINGS, ACCESSORY STRUCTURES, ET CETERA, BUT  
18 AGRICULTURE IS NOT LISTED IN THAT. SO IF I WANTED TO HAVE AN  
19 AGRICULTURE SUCH AS GRAPES OR VINEYARD OR SOMETHING, I CAN'T  
20 DO THAT. BUT I WANT TO REITERATE WHAT MR. CROISDALE SAID ABOUT  
21 GETTING THE LANGUAGE OF THE FOOTNOTE INTO THE A.V. VALLEY  
22 PLAN. WITHOUT THE LANGUAGE OF THAT FOOTNOTE, I BELIEVE THAT  
23 THE POLICY THAT'S IN THE CURRENT A.V. VALLEY PLAN, 4.4, I'M  
24 JUST GOING TO GIVE YOU AN EXAMPLE, IT SAYS, "REQUIRE NEW  
25 DEVELOPMENTS IN SIGNIFICANT ECOLOGICAL AREAS TO CONSIDER THE

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1 FOLLOWING DESIGN OF THE PROJECT TO THE GREATEST EXTENT  
2 FEASIBLE." THEN IT GOES ON TO TALK ABOUT PRESERVATION OF  
3 BIOLOGICALLY VALUABLE HABITAT, SPECIES, WILDLIFE, CORRIDORS  
4 AND LINKAGES, PROTECTION OF SENSITIVE RESOURCES ON THE SITES  
5 WITHIN THE OPEN SPACE, PROTECTION OF WATER RESOURCES FROM  
6 HYDRO FORTIFICATION IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN ECOLOGICAL FUNCTION  
7 AND RIPARIAN HABITATS. I THINK THIS LANGUAGE IS SO STRONG THAT  
8 IF WE DON'T ADOPT THE FOOTNOTE INTO THE A.V. PLAN, THAT IT MAY  
9 BE DIFFICULT IN THE FUTURE. I KNOW THE ORDINANCE THAT YOU GUYS  
10 ARE TALKING ABOUT, WHEN THE DRAFT ORDINANCE WAS INITIALLY  
11 RELEASED WITH THE A.V. PLAN, IT DIDN'T INCLUDE THE EXEMPTIONS.  
12 SO I THINK IF WE GET THIS FOOTNOTE IN THERE NOW, AND I'D LIKE  
13 TO ALSO ADD AGRICULTURE TO THAT FOOTNOTE, WE CAN TAKE CARE OF  
14 THIS WITHOUT KICKING THE CAN DOWN THE ROAD INTO THE FUTURE.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. LET ME ASK: IS AGRICULTURE  
17 INCLUDED?

18

19 **SPEAKER:** AGRICULTURE RIGHT NOW IN THE PRESENT S.E.A. ORDINANCE  
20 WOULD NOT BE SUBJECT TO A PERMIT.

21

22 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** SO IT'S A PERMITTED USE AND MOVE FORWARD  
23 WITH IT.

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IT IS PERMITTED.

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1

2 **TOM COSTAN:** IT IS PERMITTED? OKAY.

3

4 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** I THINK THERE'S SOME MISINFORMATION ON THIS.

5 WE COULD CERTAINLY MEET WITH THIS GROUP AND CLARIFY THAT, BUT

6 IT'S A PERMITTED USE AND ENCOURAGED.

7

8 **TOM COSTAN:** OKAY. THANK YOU. I'D LIKE TO REITERATE THAT WE'D

9 LIKE TO SEE THE FOOTNOTE INTO THE A.V. PLAN. AND I APPRECIATE

10 YOU WORKING WITH US ON THAT.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. YES, SIR. YOU'RE NEXT.

13

14 **ROLAND KAVELAAR:** GOOD MORNING. I'M ROLAND KAVELAAR AND I LIVE

15 IN POMONA. SEPTEMBER 3RD IS THE 51ST ANNIVERSARY OF THE

16 WILDERNESS ACT, SIGNED INTO LAW WITH BIPARTISAN SUPPORT BY

17 THEN PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON. IN HIS SIGNING COMMENTS,

18 PRESIDENT JOHNSON NOTED THAT THE WILDERNESS ACT WOULD PROTECT

19 DESIGNATED LANDS IN PERPETUITY AS A FAITHFUL TRUST FOR THE

20 CONSERVATION OF OUR NATURAL RESOURCES AND BEAUTY. IN OTHER

21 WORDS, IT WOULD PROTECT OUR FEDERAL LANDS FROM EXPLOITATION.

22 THE 50-ACRE PROPERTY THAT IS COMPLETELY SURROUNDED BY OUR

23 SHEET MOUNTAIN WILDERNESS, AS MR. WHITE POINTED OUT, IS RATHER

24 FLYING IN THE FACE OF ALL THAT WAS INTENDED BY THAT CONGRESS

25 AND THE SIGNING OF THAT ACT. I'M NOT GOING TO GO INTO ALL OF

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1 THE DETAILS THAT OTHER PEOPLE HERE WILL, BUT LET ME RECOMMEND  
2 TO YOU, BECAUSE THE TIME IS SHORT, THAT ALLOWING THIS ZONE  
3 CHANGE TO A COMMERCIAL ZONE IS ABOUT AS WISE AS ALLOWING A  
4 STRIP CLUB AND A POT SHOP ACROSS FROM A SCHOOL. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IS KAREN HERE? KAREN SPOSATO? STEVE  
7 SELAK. STEVE SELAK. RON JONES? RON JONES? ALL RIGHT. YES?

8

9 **RICHARD MARVIN:** MY NAME IS RICHARD MARVIN. I'M A RESIDENT OF  
10 GLENDORA. WITH REGARD TO THE ANTELOPE VALLEY PLAN, I REQUEST  
11 THAT SUPERVISORS EXCLUDE ASSESSORS' PROPERTY 8678-002-009.  
12 THIS PARCEL, SOMETIMES REFERRED TO AS THE BRIDGE TO NOWHERE  
13 PROPERTY, SHOULD NOT BE REZONED TO ALLOW COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY.  
14 MY FAMILY HAS USED TRAILS AND COUNTY FACILITIES SUCH AS  
15 MARSHAL CANYON AND BINELI PARK. OUR IMPRESSION HAS ALWAYS BEEN  
16 THAT COUNTY GOVERNMENT IS SUPPORTIVE OF OFFERING GOOD AREAS  
17 FOR HIKERS AND EQUESTRIANS. AND INDEED THE ANTELOPE VALLEY  
18 PLAN ITSELF, IN THE CONSERVATION AND OPEN SPACE ELEMENT,  
19 POINTS TO THE NEED TO PROTECT CERTAIN NATURAL AREAS. IT IS  
20 SURPRISING, THEREFORE, TO LEARN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
21 IS CONSIDERING A CHANGE TO THE BRIDGE TO NOWHERE PROPERTY,  
22 WHICH WOULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE ADJACENT SHEET MOUNTAIN  
23 WILDERNESS. PARCEL 8678-002-009 IS SURROUNDED BY LAND THAT IS  
24 DESIGNATED WILDERNESS AND IS PART OF THE NATIONAL WILDERNESS  
25 PROTECTION SYSTEM. LANDS WITH THIS DESIGNATION ARE AMONG THE

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1 MOST PRISTINE, UNSPOILED AREAS IN THE WHOLE COUNTRY. THE  
2 PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES ARE SO FORTUNATE TO HAVE THE SHEET  
3 MOUNTAIN WILDERNESS AVAILABLE TO THEM FOR BACKPACKING,  
4 FISHING, HUNTING AND HIKING. BUT IN A WILDERNESS, THERE IS  
5 ALSO A SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR USERS TO CARE FOR THE LAND  
6 AND LEAVE IT UNSPOILED FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS. WE WERE TOLD,  
7 TAKE ONLY PHOTOGRAPHS AND LEAVE ONLY FOOTPRINTS. ALL OF US,  
8 BOTH WILDERNESS VISITORS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ARE STEWARDS  
9 WHO HAVE BEEN ENTRUSTED TO PROTECT THESE WILDERNESS LANDS, AND  
10 THIS INCLUDES EXERCISING OF MOST ATTENTION TO WHAT IS  
11 HAPPENING OR MAY HAPPEN IN THE FUTURE ON ADJACENT PRIVATE  
12 PROPERTY. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** TOM WALSH? YES, MA'AM.

15

16 **ILEENE ANDERSON:** HI. GOOD MORNING, MAYOR AND SUPERVISORS. MY  
17 NAME IS ILEENE ANDERSON AND I'M A SCIENTIST WITH THE CENTER  
18 FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY. WE BELIEVE THAT THE ANTELOPE VALLEY  
19 AREA PLAN STILL NEEDS MORE WORK BEFORE THE BOARD OF  
20 SUPERVISORS EVEN CONSIDERS ITS ADOPTION. THE E.I.R. THAT THE  
21 PUBLIC HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON DID NOT INCLUDE  
22 ANALYSES THAT THE CURRENT RESOLUTION IS PROPOSING TO BE  
23 ADOPTED. THIS IS A HUGE FLAW IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW  
24 PROCESS. WHILE WE PROVIDED COMMENTS ON THE ORIGINAL DRAFT  
25 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, THE CHANGES THAT HAVE OCCURRED

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1 BETWEEN THE DRAFT AND THE CURRENT PROPOSAL ARE SUBSTANTIAL AND  
2 IN SOME CASES SWEEPING. TWO WEEKS AGO IN PREPARATION FOR THE  
3 JUNE 2ND, 2015 MEETING, WE QUICKLY SUBMITTED A LETTER TO YOUR  
4 BOARD ONCE THE NEW RESOLUTION WAS AVAILABLE. OUR LETTER POINTS  
5 OUT THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION ACTIONS WERE NOT IN FACT ANALYZED  
6 FOR IMPACTS IN THE C.E.Q.A. REVIEW. FOR EXAMPLE, PARAGRAPH 24  
7 OF THE CURRENT RESOLUTION PROPOSES SWEEPING LAND USE CHANGES  
8 IN THE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AREAS THROUGHOUT THE PLAN  
9 INCLUDING A COMPLETE REMOVAL OF THE RURAL PRESERVE AREAS BUT  
10 ALSO AFFECTING OTHER RESOURCES INCLUDING SCENIC RESOURCES,  
11 AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES, RIPARIAN AREAS, GROUNDWATER RECHARGE  
12 BASINS, VEGETATED AREAS, PROXIMITY TO NATIONAL FOREST, SEISMIC  
13 AREAS, FIRE HAZARD ZONES, HILLSIDE MANAGEMENT, ET CETERA.  
14 THESE SWEEPING EXEMPTIONS AND THE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AREAS  
15 WERE NOT AND ANALYZED IN THE C.E.Q.A. REVIEW OR SUBSEQUENTLY  
16 AND HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO SIGNIFICANTLY AFFECT THE LAND USE  
17 ELEMENT AND THE CONSERVATION AND OPEN SPACE ELEMENTS. THE  
18 COUNTY'S LANDMARK POLICY TO HELP SAFEGUARD THE UNPARALLELED  
19 BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY WHILE ALLOWING FOR  
20 DEVELOPMENT, THE SIGNIFICANT ECOLOGICAL AREAS, ARE COMPLETELY  
21 UNDERMINED IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AREA PLAN VIA THE RESOLUTION  
22 THAT STATES, IF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AREA PLAN AND THE S.E.A.  
23 ORDINANCE ARE NOT CONSISTENT, THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AREA PLAN  
24 WILL CONTROL. THEREFORE WE URGE THE BOARD TODAY TO SEND THE  
25 ANTELOPE VALLEY AREA PLAN BACK TO PLANNING TO COMPLETE A MORE



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1 BALANCED PLAN AS WELL AS A COMPREHENSIVE C.E.Q.A. ANALYSIS.

2 THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO, IS RON JONES HERE? AND  
5 TOM WALSH? STEVE SELAK?

6

7 **STEVE SELAK:** YES, SIR.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY, STEVE AND THEN KAREN. THANK YOU.  
10 YOU GO NEXT.

11

12 **STEVE SELAK:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, MY NAME IS STEVE SELAK.  
13 I'M A LANDOWNER IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY IN LANCASTER, L.A.  
14 COUNTY. I DON'T CHASE U.F.O.S. I DON'T TALK TO GHOSTS. I'M  
15 SANE AND I'M COHERENT. THE AREA PLAN IS A SCAM AND I BELIEVE  
16 IT'S A CONSPIRACY AND I'LL EXPLAIN WHY. THE ANTELOPE VALLEY  
17 GROUNDWATER LAWSUIT IS FORCING MANY LANDOWNERS TO SELL THEIR  
18 LAND FOR LACK OF WATER, BUT OF COURSE, THE COUNTY HAS CHOSEN  
19 TO LITIGATE. THE AREA PLAN WILL FURTHER DEVASTATE THE LAND  
20 VALUES, NOT BY A LITTLE, BUT AMAZING AMOUNTS. IT'S NOT A  
21 COINCIDENCE THAT THE AREA PLAN HAPPENS TO BE ON THE COATTAILS  
22 OF THE ADJUDICATION. IF YOU THINK FOR A MOMENT THAT  
23 CONSPIRACIES DON'T EXIST, JUST ENRON IS ONE THAT COMES TO  
24 MIND. THE CONSPIRACY IN 0 YEARS, THE PEOPLE WILL RECOGNIZE HOW  
25 DUMB THE AREA PLAN IS AND THEY'RE GOING TO UNWIND IT TO ONCE

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1 AGAIN ALLOW GREATER HOUSING CAPABILITIES. WHY WOULD THEY DO  
2 THAT? THE REASON IS BECAUSE THOSE SAME PEOPLE WHO HAVE THE  
3 MONEY WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE DEVALUED PROPERTY AND SCOOP  
4 UP THOUSANDS OF ACRES THAT PEOPLE LIKE MY GRANDMOTHER  
5 PURCHASED 107 YEARS AGO AT ALMOST THE SAME PRICE. AND IN 20  
6 YEARS, WHEN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS UNWINDS THE AREA PLAN  
7 BECAUSE OF LACK OF GROWTH IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, WHO'S GOING  
8 TO OWN THE LAND? NOT MY GRANDMOTHER. SHE HAD TO SELL, BECAUSE  
9 IT DOESN'T HAVE ANY VALUE ANYMORE AND YOU CAN'T FARM IT. IT'S  
10 NOT WORTH KEEPING. THEY'RE GOING TO UNWIND IT. THE MONEY'S  
11 GOING TO GO INTO THE POCKETS OF THE PEOPLE WHO HAD THE CASH  
12 TODAY TO BUY IT CHEAP. THAT IS THE CONSPIRACY, AND I BELIEVE  
13 THAT WITH ALL MY HEART.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP NICOLE PARSON.  
16 YES, MA'AM.

17

18 **KAREN SPOSATO:** LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS  
19 KAREN SPOSATO. I LIVE IN POMONA. I JUST WANT TO SPEAK  
20 REGARDING THE REZONING OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, PROPERTY NUMBER  
21 8678-002-009. THE BRIDGE TO NOWHERE. THIS BRIDGE TO NOWHERE IS  
22 A HISTORICAL BRIDGE, BUT UNFORTUNATELY A COMPANY HAS TAKEN  
23 OVER THIS BRIDGE. AND THANKS TO THE REZONING, IT LOOKS LIKE  
24 THEY MIGHT GET THE CHANCE TO TAKE OVER THE BRIDGE. AS A HIKER  
25 SINCE BIRTH AND INVOLVED IN MANY CAMPING CLUBS, I'VE GONE TO

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1 NATIONAL PARKS THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA AND BEYOND. I'M SO  
2 DISAPPOINTED THAT THIS BOARD WOULD EVEN CONSIDER WHAT THEY'RE  
3 CONSIDERING. YOU GUYS HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THIS ADMINISTRATION IS  
4 DOING. IT'S DISTURBING. WE HAVE TO COMPETE FOR PARKING WITH  
5 BUNGEE AMERICA. WE HAVE TO COMPETE ON THE TRAILS TO TAKE IN  
6 THE SERENE VISTAS. WE CAN'T EVEN STOP ON THE BRIDGE ANY LONGER  
7 BECAUSE IT'S BEEN TAKEN OVER. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THESE  
8 PEOPLE, WHO ARE REZONING, HAVE NOT BEEN TO THESE PLACES. THEY  
9 DON'T LIVE IN THESE PLACES. SO THEY HAVE NO IDEA OF THE  
10 IMPACT. THE PEOPLE ARE TRYING TO SAY IT MATTERS. AND I DON'T  
11 BELIEVE THAT NO PLAN IS PERFECT. THIS IS NOT EVEN A PLAN; IT'S  
12 A MAJOR, MAJOR MISTAKE. YOU'RE NOT LISTENING, YOU GUYS. YOU'RE  
13 JUST PLANNING. I HAVE LIVED HERE ALL MY LIFE IN SOUTHERN  
14 CALIFORNIA. MY DAUGHTER GREW UP WITH SPINA BIFIDA. ANOTHER ONE  
15 WAS DIAGNOSED WITH CANCER AS A FRESHMAN. YOU GUYS NEED TO STOP  
16 WHAT YOU'RE DOING. THIS IMPACT OF DENSITY, YOU GUYS DON'T KNOW  
17 WHAT YOU'RE DOING BECAUSE YOU GUYS CAN GO BACK TO YOUR NICE  
18 HOMES. YOU GUYS DON'T KNOW THE TRAILS. YOU GUYS DON'T KNOW THE  
19 BRIDGE TO NOWHERE. DO YOU KNOW WHO NAMED THAT BRIDGE? US  
20 HIKERS, LONG BEFORE YOU GUYS CAME TO THE BOARD. THE ANTELOPE  
21 VALLEY, I HOPE YOU GUYS LISTEN TO WHAT THEY'RE SAYING. YOU'RE  
22 TALKING ABOUT THEIR HEALTH AND WELFARE. THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. AND ALSO ARNOLD SACHS. YES,  
25 SIR.

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1

2 **RON JONES:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD. MY NAME IS DR. RON JONES, I'M  
3 THE OWNER OF THE BRIDGE TO NOWHERE. I'M THE OWNER OF BUNGEE  
4 AMERICA. YOU'VE HEARD SOME OF MY ESTEEMED OPPONENTS VOICE  
5 THEIR OPINIONS HERE TODAY, SOMETHING THAT THERE'S A THEME  
6 GOING THROUGH HERE AND WHAT THEY FAIL TO RECOGNIZE IS THIS IS  
7 PRIVATE PROPERTY, BOUGHT AND PAID FOR AND TAXES PAID EVERY  
8 YEAR. IN FACT, THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN PRIVATE FOR OVER 100  
9 YEARS. THIS IS HOW THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ENCOURAGED  
10 SETTLEMENT OF THE WEST, HOMESTEADING CLAIMS AND MINING CLAIMS,  
11 AND THIS IS A MINING CLAIM. WE NO LONGER MINE THAT. IN FACT WE  
12 NEVER MINED THAT. WE'RE THERE RECREATING. WE'RE NOT  
13 DESTROYING. WE'RE NOT HURTING THE ENVIRONMENT. IN FACT, WE  
14 LEAVE THE LAND ACCESSIBLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC. EVERYBODY  
15 THAT'S HERE IS WELCOME TO COME ON TO MY PROPERTY. WE HAVE OVER  
16 25,000 PEOPLE A YEAR THAT COME ONTO THE PROPERTY FREE OF  
17 CHARGE. WE GENERATE NO REVENUE. WE PROVIDE FIRST AID FOR THEM.  
18 WE PROVIDE DRINKING WATER FOR THEM. AND THESE ARE CHURCH  
19 GROUPS, BOY SCOUTS, MEETUPS, ONESY- TWOSIES THAT HAVE  
20 ABSOLUTELY NO INHERENT BENEFIT TO US AS A COMPANY, BUT WE  
21 WELCOME THEM BECAUSE IT'S ABOUT THE GREATER GOOD. BUT YOU  
22 CAN'T HAVE THE GREATER GOOD WITHOUT SOME WAY TO SUPPORT THAT.  
23 BUNGEE AMERICA DOES MORE TO KEEP THE ENTIRE 5 MILES OF THAT  
24 CANYON CLEAN EVERY YEAR THAN ANY OTHER ORGANIZATION. AND WE  
25 WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO. BUT IN ORDER TO DO SO, WE DO NEED THE

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1 SUPPORT OF THE BOARD. WE DO NEED THE SUPPORT OF THE REZONE FOR  
2 THE ANTELOPE VALLEY PLAN UPDATE. WE ARE IN FULL SUPPORT OF  
3 THAT. BECAUSE WHAT THAT'S GOING TO ALLOW FOR, IN ADDITION TO  
4 ALLOWING US TO CONTINUE TO OPERATE AS A BUSINESS, IT'S GOING  
5 TO ALLOW US TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT  
6 WE WELCOME UP THERE AND WE HAVE FOR THE QUARTER OF A CENTURY  
7 THAT I'VE BEEN THE STEWARD OF THIS PROPERTY. WE HOPE THAT YOU  
8 WILL SUPPORT THE REZONE FOR US. IF MY ESTEEMED OPPONENTS ARE  
9 THAT HELL BENT ON OPPOSING ME, WHY DON'T THEY GET TOGETHER AND  
10 JUST BUY THE PROPERTY? THEY CAN BUY IT FROM ME IF THEY REALLY  
11 THINK IT'S WORTH PROTECTING. BUT THEY DON'T WANT TO DO THAT.  
12 THEY JUST WANT TO STOP US. PLEASE SUPPORT US. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. NICOLE IN ANTELOPE VALLEY?

15

16 **NICOLE PARSON:** HELLO. YEAH, I JUST WANT TO PIGGYBACK ON THE  
17 SPEAKER BEFORE THIS GENTLEMAN, THIS LAST GENTLEMAN. IT'S TRUE  
18 THAT PEOPLE DON'T LIVE HERE. AND THE CORPORATIONS ACTUALLY, I  
19 GUESS, GOT INTO THE COUNTY PLANNING AND WHICH LIKE TRIED TO  
20 MAKE US STOP OUR YARD SALES BUT THERE'S USED STORES ALL OVER  
21 THE PLACE. AND THEN I REALIZE LIKE OKAY, THE WATER AND THE  
22 EASIEST WAY IS SO SAY THAT LIKE THE LANCASTER IS LIKE  
23 TARGETING, TARGETING, WHICH IS THE BAD PART, THE FIRE  
24 HYDRANTS, THE PROPERTIES WHO HAVE LIKE THE FIRE HYDRANTS IN  
25 IT. AND THEN LIKE THE, OKAY, AND THE MONUMENTAL, OH AND THE

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1 HIGHWAY AND IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND THE CONSTRUCTION BUDGET IS  
2 LIKE GOING INTO THE TRANSPORTATION BUDGET AND EVERYONE KNOWS  
3 THAT LIKE THIS WEEKEND THE CITY DID ALL THESE CONSTRUCTIONS ON  
4 OUR ROAD TO LIKE FIX OUR ROADS AND THEY LOOK REALLY BAD BUT  
5 IT'S OKAY YOU GUYS NEEDED TO PRACTICE. SO THE AREA PLAN IS NOT  
6 COMPLETE. AND I WENT OVER FOR LIKE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLANS FOR  
7 ALL THE GENERAL PLANS. AND THEN SO BUT THIS, OKAY, I FINISHED  
8 LIKE, THIS IS SPECIFICATION THAT I FINISHED LIKE THE  
9 TRANSPORTATION. BUT MR. A., I THINK WE NEED, COULD YOU GUYS  
10 PROPOSE THIS TO THE U.S. RAIL BECAUSE CALIFORNIA TRANSIT RAIL  
11 AUTHORITY IS NOT LIKE REALLY BUYING IT. I THINK THEY JUST WANT  
12 TO LIKE OVERTAKE IT AND I KNOW THAT THE MEETING'S COMING UP ON  
13 MONDAY. AND THEN IT ALSO HAS LIKE THE MONUMENTAL AREA BUT I'VE  
14 BEEN WORKING ON IT FOR A WHILE. THERE'S LIKE SOME STUFF IN  
15 THERE. I DON'T KNOW. I'M LIKE FREE ON MONDAY BUT I WANT TO  
16 MAYBE SEE IF WE CAN GET THIS INTO THE BUDGET OR SOMETHING. I  
17 KNOW I'M A LITTLE BIT OFF. SO MAYBE IF I COME BY, TELL ME WHAT  
18 TO DO TO GET THE CORRECTIVE PLAN AND STUFF, MR. A., WHAT DO  
19 YOU THINK? OKAY, BYE.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE. EVERYTHING IS  
22 POSSIBLE, NICOLE. YOU KNOW THAT. I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU CAN PUT  
23 THAT ALL TOGETHER, BUT GOD BLESS YOU IF YOU CAN. THANK YOU,  
24 NICOLE. OKAY. DIANA WILLIAMS?

25

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1   **DIANA WILLIAMS:** I'M DIANA WILLIAMS, DR. DIANA WILLIAMS. TO THE  
2   BOARD OF SUPERVISORS I JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT MANY OF THE  
3   THINGS THAT I WANTED TO SHARE HAVE BEEN SHARED BY SOME VERY  
4   ELOQUENT SPEAKERS OPPOSING THIS ACTION ALREADY, SO I DON'T  
5   WANT TO BE REPETITIOUS IN THAT REGARD. I SIMPLY WANTED TO ADD  
6   THAT I THINK THAT THE GENTLEMAN WHO SPOKE AND SAID HEY, I OWN  
7   THIS PROPERTY AND I SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO DO WITH IT AS I WISH  
8   IS COMPLETELY CORRECT, ALSO. MANY PEOPLE OWNED SLAVES AND THEY  
9   WERE PERFECTLY FREE TO DO WHAT THEY WANTED TO DO WITH THEIR  
10   SLAVES, SELL THEM, BEAT THEM, BREED THEM. BUT THE BOTTOM LINE  
11   WAS THAT PEOPLE GOT TOGETHER WHO COULDN'T AFFORD TO BUY THEIR  
12   SLAVES AND SOMEHOW WE ENDED SLAVERY. SO MY POINT TO HIM IS FOR  
13   HIM TO SIMPLY SAY THAT YOU MAY OPPOSE WHAT I THINK OR YOU MAY  
14   OPPOSE WHAT I DO WITH MY OWN LAND IS NOT EXACTLY ACCURATE.  
15   THIS IS AMERICA. AND THE PEOPLE WHO ARE SPEAKING OUT MAY NOT  
16   HAVE THE MONEY TO BUY YOUR LAND FROM YOU, BUT THAT ALSO DOES  
17   NOT GIVE YOU THE RIGHT TO TRAMPLE ON THEIR RIGHTS, THEIR  
18   PERCEPTIONS, THEIR INSIGHTS OR HOW THEY WANT TO HAVE A QUALITY  
19   OF LIFE. AND MANY OF THE THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN SAID TO THE  
20   BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CONCERNING EVEN DOWN TO THIS BEING A  
21   CONSPIRACY, THE GENTLEMAN SAID. IT IS NOT A KNOWN, MR.  
22   ANTONOVICH AND BOARD, THAT THE ANTELOPE VALLEY PLANTATION,  
23   WHICH I CALL IT, IS KNOWN FOR ITS CONSPIRATORIAL CONDUCT IN  
24   TERMS OF LAND. WE HAVE THE WAL-MART DEAL, FOR EXAMPLE, IN  
25   QUARTZ HILL WHICH WAS A CONSPIRACY AND IS STILL BEING FOUGHT



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1 IN COURT BECAUSE OF THAT CONSPIRACY. SO I HOPE THAT THE BOARD  
2 OF SUPERVISORS WILL LISTEN TO THE ELOQUENT, INTELLIGENT AND  
3 PASSIONATE COMMENTS THAT THE OPPONENTS TO THIS MEASURE HAVE  
4 MADE AND THAT THIS GENTLEMAN WILL REALIZE THAT, YES, YOU MAY  
5 OWN THE LAND, BUT PEOPLE OWNED MY ANCESTORS AND THAT STILL  
6 DIDN'T GIVE THEM THE RIGHT TO SWING THEM FROM TREES. THANK YOU  
7 VERY MUCH.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. MR. SACHS. [APPLAUSE.] NOW  
10 YOU HAVE ALL BEEN HERE BEFORE. YOU KNOW YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO  
11 APPLAUD. JUST LIFT THE ROOF WHEN YOU HAVE AN AFFIRMATIVE  
12 RESPONSE. MR. SACHS?

13

14 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING, ARNOLD SACHS. SOME  
15 OF THE PEOPLE WERE CONCERNED ABOUT THE LAND USE AND THE  
16 ZONING, AND I, TOO, WOULD JOIN THEM IN BEING CONCERNED ABOUT  
17 SOME OF THE LAND USE ZONING THAT'S GONE ON BY THE BOARD OF  
18 SUPERVISORS. I WAS HERE WHEN YOU DID THE-- CHANGED THE  
19 FLOODPLAIN FOR THE DISNEY PROJECT TO ALLOW THEM TO DO BUILDING  
20 FOR THEIR NEW PROJECT ON THE I-14. THE LAND WAS ZONED AS A  
21 FLOODPLAIN ALL OF A SUDDEN IT BECAME ELIGIBLE TO HAVE DISNEY  
22 BUILD ITS NEW PROJECT THERE. THAT'S SOME CHANGE OF USE. AND  
23 THEN BACK IN MAY, MAY 26TH WHEN YOU DID A CHANGE OF GENERAL  
24 PLAN, A LITTLE BIT OF WEST RANCHO DOMINGUEZ WHERE THE STORE  
25 HAD BUILT-- WAS BUILT IN ONE ZONE AND THE PARKING LOT WAS

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1 BUILT IN ANOTHER ZONE AND THEY WANTED TO EXPAND THE PARKING  
2 LOT, SO YOU REZONED THE SECOND ZONE THAT DIDN'T HAVE ANY--  
3 DIDN'T HAVE THE BUILDING IN IT. SO HOW MUCH AREA WAS REZONED?  
4 NOBODY KNOWS. SO I WOULD DEFINITELY BE VERY CONCERNED WITH  
5 ANYTHING THE COUNTY GETS INVOLVED IN, IN REZONING BECAUSE IT'S  
6 NOT WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW, IT'S WHAT SOMEBODY SAID 10, 15 YEARS  
7 DOWN THE HIGHWAY. SOMEBODY MENTIONED SOMETHING ABOUT THE TRAIL  
8 IN THE AREA. DIDN'T YOU HAVE A PRESENTATION FOR THE PARKS  
9 DEPARTMENT ABOUT THE INTERACTIVE COUNTY TRAIL PLAN? WOULDN'T  
10 THEY HAVE SOME IDEA ABOUT THE USAGE OF THE TRAILS IN THE AREA?  
11 WOULD THAT INTERACTIVE COUNTY TRAIL PLAN, I MEAN IT WAS JUST  
12 HERE LAST YEAR. SOMEBODY MENTIONED A SOLAR POWERED LAND USE.  
13 THERE ARE CONCERNS OVER THAT. AND THAT WAS STATE LEGISLATION  
14 THAT WAS PUT IN ACTION. IT WAS A LOOPHOLE. WHY DON'T YOU SEND  
15 A FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER TO THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO HAVE THEM  
16 CLOSE THAT LOOPHOLE THAT ALLOWS FOR THAT MISHMASH OF SOLAR  
17 PROPERTY, SOLAR POWER? YOU HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING ABOUT THAT.  
18 SO, YEAH, I WOULD BE VERY, VERY CONCERNED WHEN IT COMES TO THE  
19 BOARD AND LAND BECAUSE IT TRANSLATES TO MONEY.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** COULD WE MAKE A RESPONSE? I KNOW THE  
22 AREA PLAN INVOLVED MANY PEOPLE, MANY MEETINGS, WORKING WITH  
23 THE TOWN COUNCILS AND THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY, WHICH THE ANTELOPE  
24 VALLEY PRESS WAS ABLE TO REPORT IN FULL. THERE'S A LOT OF  
25 DISCUSSIONS, CONCERNS. I KNOW ON THE ISSUE AS THIS WAS

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1 MENTIONED ABOUT THE SOLAR, WE MADE CHANGES SO THAT WE'RE NOT  
2 GOING TO HAVE THOSE SOLAR PROJECTS THAT IMPACT THE ENVIRONMENT  
3 CAUSING THE DUST BOWL, ET CETERA, ET CETERA. BUT COULD YOU  
4 ELABORATE MORE?

5

6 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** SURE, MR. MAYOR. AS YOU STATED, THE PLAN WAS  
7 SUBJECT TO A VARIETY OF FORMAL PUBLIC HEARINGS, BUT ALSO THERE  
8 WERE OVER 180 COMMUNITY MEETINGS WITH THE TOWN COUNCILS AND  
9 WITH THE BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE TO CRAFT THIS PLAN. IT WAS A  
10 CAREFULLY BALANCED PLAN PROVIDING FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
11 OPPORTUNITIES ALONG THE FUTURE HIGH DESERT CORRIDOR, CAREFULLY  
12 PRESERVED AREAS THAT WERE MENTIONED TODAY THAT ARE SUBJECT TO  
13 FLOODS, HIGH FIRE ZONES, EARTHQUAKE ZONES AND THAT HAVE HIGH  
14 ECOLOGICAL VALUE. SO THIS PLAN WAS CRAFTED OVER SEVERAL YEARS,  
15 WAS BORNE OUT OF OVER 180 MEETINGS, AND REPRESENTS WHAT WE  
16 CONSIDER A GOOD, CAREFUL, WELL-REASONED BALANCE. THE CONCERNS  
17 YOU HEARD REGARDING THE BRIDGE TO NOWHERE, THE ZONING IN THAT  
18 AREA WILL REQUIRE THEM TO OBTAIN A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT.  
19 THAT WILL BE SUBJECT TO DELIBERATIONS BEFORE THE PLANNING  
20 COMMISSION. IF THEY APPROVE IT, THEY HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
21 CONDITION IT TO TAKE CARE OF CONCERNS THAT WERE RAISED, AND  
22 THAT IS IF THEY APPROVE IT. SO THERE IS A PROCESS IN PLACE TO  
23 ADDRESS THAT CONCERN. THE CONCERNS REGARDING DUST, THE VERY  
24 FIRST SOLAR PROJECTS THAT WERE DONE OUT THERE, WE WERE IN A  
25 BIT OF A LEARNING CURVE. WE'VE SINCE COORDINATED OUR EFFORTS,

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1 AND NEW PROJECTS THAT GO FORWARD, WE HAVE SET STANDARD  
2 CONDITIONS THAT INCLUDE DUST CONTROL. AND WE'VE COORDINATED  
3 THAT WITH PUBLIC HEALTH, OUR COLLEAGUES AT PUBLIC WORKS AND  
4 THE AIR QUALITY DISTRICT. SO ONCE AGAIN, THIS IS THE-- THERE  
5 WAS A PUBLIC HEARING ON THIS. THE BOARD GAVE US DIRECTION. WE  
6 HAVE INCORPORATED THOSE INTO THE RECOMMENDATION TODAY. WE'VE  
7 CAREFULLY LOOKED AT THE ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT. AND THAT'S  
8 BEEN LOOKED AT BY COUNTY COUNSEL, BY OUR STAFF AS WELL AS BY  
9 OUR ENVIRONMENTAL COUNSEL AND FEEL THAT IS ADEQUATE TO ADDRESS  
10 ALL THE ITEMS. SO WE'RE HERE WITH A RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE,  
11 MR. MAYOR.

12  
13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR KUEHL? OKAY.  
14 SECOND BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS. CALL THE ROLL.

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16 **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AYE.

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20 **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AYE.

23  
24 **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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1     **SUP. KNABE:** AYE.

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3     **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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5     **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** NO.

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7     **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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9     **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AYE. SO ORDERED. WE HAVE AN URGENCY  
10    PROBLEM THAT JUST CAME UP. IT'S GOING TO TAKE ABOUT 4 MINUTES,  
11    5 MINUTES TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION. SO WE ARE GOING TO  
12    RECESS TEMPORARILY. WE WILL BE RIGHT BACK AND WE WILL TAKE  
13    ITEM NO. 4 WHEN WE RETURN.

14

15    **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT  
16    REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF  
17    SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NO.  
18    C.S.-6, DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS. THANK YOU.  
19    [CLOSED SESSION]   (GAVEL)

20

21    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE ARE BACK IN SESSION AND I HAVE A  
22    MOTION THAT THE BOARD WILL TAKE THAT THERE IS NEED TO TAKE  
23    IMMEDIATE ACTION. THERE'S A NEED FOR ACTION CAME TO THE  
24    BOARD'S ATTENTION SUBSEQUENT TO THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA FOR  
25    TODAY'S MEETING. AND THE BOARD WILL APPOINT MARY WICKHAM TO

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1 THE POSITION INTERIM COUNTY COUNSEL EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. THE  
2 MONTHLY SALARY OF \$21,667. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-  
3 THOMAS, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ITEM NUMBER 4. EXCUSE  
4 ME, ITEM NUMBER 20.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THE ASSESSOR HAS BEEN HERE FOR A BRIEF  
7 ITEM. AND I WANT TO READ IN THAT MOTION AND THEN LET'S  
8 IMMEDIATELY TURN TO ITEM NO. 4. THIS IS ESSENTIALLY AN  
9 AMENDMENT TO THE ITEM BEFORE US THAT DEALS WITH THE  
10 MODERNIZATION PROJECT IN THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE. AND ON APRIL  
11 19TH IN 2013, REPORT BACK BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND  
12 THE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFER TO A MOTION APPROVED BY THE BOARD,  
13 MARCH OF THAT YEAR, REVEALED THAT A STAGGERING NUMBER OF  
14 MISSION CRITICAL SYSTEMS WITHIN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ARE  
15 ESSENTIALLY OBSOLETE. THE ASSESSOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS TO  
16 IMPLEMENT A MODERNIZATION PROJECT REPRESENTED A SIGNIFICANT  
17 STEP TOWARD REPLACING A SYSTEM THAT HAS LONG EXCEEDED ITS  
18 USEFUL LIFE, UPON WHICH THE COUNTY RELIES HEAVILY. ONCE THIS  
19 AND OTHER COUNTY LEGACY SYSTEMS ARE REPLACED WITH MODERN COSTS  
20 AND ENERGY EFFICIENT SYSTEMS, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT OBSOLETE  
21 SYSTEMS BE DECOMMISSIONED APPROPRIATELY. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT  
22 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DIRECT THE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER  
23 TO WORK WITH THE ASSESSOR TO UPDATE THE BOARD'S STATUS ON THE  
24 STATUS OF THE DECOMMISSIONING OF THE OLD DATABASE SYSTEMS  
25 BEGINNING 120 DAYS AFTER THE COMPLETION OF PHASE 1 OF THE

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1 ASSESSOR MODERNIZATION PROJECT AND CONTINUING EVERY 120 DAYS  
2 THEREAFTER UNTIL THE OLD DATABASE IS FULLY DECOMMISSIONED.  
3 THAT IS MY MOTION.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECOND.

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE HAVE ONE PUBLIC SPEAKER. DR.  
10 GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THE ASSESSOR IS STILL PRESENT.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND ARNOLD SACHS. MR. PRANG, DO YOU  
15 WANT TO SAY A FEW WORDS BEFORE OUR TWO PUBLIC SPEAKERS?

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. ASSESSOR, I JUST SIMPLY WANT TO SAY  
18 THAT WE WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE FACT THAT YOU ARE WORKING HARD  
19 TO GET ALL OF THIS RIGHT. THIS IS NOT AN ISSUE THAT  
20 NECESSARILY NEEDS TO BE BELABORED. WE WANTED TO ACKNOWLEDGE  
21 THAT YOU HAVE BROUGHT A SENSE OF PROFESSIONALISM AND INTEGRITY  
22 TO THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE. WE SEE THIS AS A PART OF THAT EFFORT  
23 AND WE THANK YOU FOR THAT. WE SIMPLY WANT TO ASSIST YOU IN  
24 MAKING IT BETTER.

25



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1 **JEFFREY PRANG:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. WE APPRECIATE THE  
2 SUPPORT THAT YOU AND ALL YOUR COLLEAGUES HAVE PROVIDED US TO  
3 GET HERE TODAY.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. MAYOR?

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.  
8 I'M SORRY. PRIOR TO THAT SO ORDERING, DR. CLAVREUL AND MR.  
9 SACHS. YES, SIR.

10

11 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, SIR. THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING AGAIN. ARNOLD  
12 SACHS. ACCORDING TO HOW THIS READS, YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE AN  
13 INCREASE OF \$12 MILLION FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2015, WHICH IS  
14 \$12 MILLION PRETTY MUCH FOR 6-1/2 MONTHS, WHICH IS \$2 MILLION  
15 A MONTH, WHEREAS THE PRECEEDING \$4 MILLION IS BAD ENOUGH FOR  
16 THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF THE YEAR. SO YOU'RE GOING FROM  
17 \$800,000 IN EXPENSES PER MONTH TO \$2 MILLION A MONTH IN  
18 EXPENSES. THAT'S QUITE AN INCREASE. CAN THEY PRODUCE WATER TO  
19 HELP WITH THE DROUGHT CONDITIONS? IN ADDITION TO THE FACT THAT  
20 ALL THESE SERVICES WOULD BE SO FAR BEHIND WITH THE AMOUNT OF  
21 MONEY THAT THE COUNTY IS OFFERING IN CONTRACTS FOR SEVERAL OF  
22 THE DEPARTMENTS, THAT THIS WOULD SLIDE THROUGH SURPRISINGLY IN  
23 A FOG JUST DOESN'T MAKE GOOD SENSE, EITHER. IT'S OUTRAGEOUS TO  
24 THINK THAT YOU ARE GOING TO BE SPENDING THIS MONEY AND JUST  
25 WRITING A CHECK AS SIMPLE AS SOMEBODY WOULD PUT A CHECKMARK ON

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1 AN APPLICATION OR SOMETHING TO THAT EFFECT. IT IS REALLY  
2 OUTRAGEOUS. \$2 MILLION A MONTH, THAT'S QUITE AN INCREASE IN  
3 FUNDING. AND WHAT HAPPENED? WHO MISSED THE BOAT ON NOTIFYING  
4 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON THE--

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** HE'S IN JAIL RIGHT NOW. THAT'S THE  
7 PROBLEM.

8

9 **ARNOLD SACHS:** OH, THAT'S WHY. ARE YOU PLANNING ON JOINING HIM  
10 ANY TIME SOON, BUT NOT AS A VISITOR? THAT WOULD BE THE BEST  
11 THING THAT COULD HAPPEN TO SOME OF THESE BOARD MEMBERS. THANK  
12 YOU.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DOCTOR?

15

16 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
17 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. YOU KNOW, I HAVE BEEN CONCERNED  
18 REPEATEDLY ABOUT ALL THOSE CONTRACTS THAT WE ARE PAYING FOR  
19 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY. AND THIS ONE IS AN INCREASE OF 13  
20 MILLION FOR ONE YEAR, THAT'S A VERY HUGE INCREASE. AND AS  
21 USUAL, IT IS CONSTANT. IT'S NOT A MONTH, NOT A WEEK WE DON'T  
22 NEED NEW CONTRACT HAVING TO DO WITH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY.  
23 THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG IN THAT PICTURE BECAUSE WE STILL HAVE  
24 MANY OF OUR DEPARTMENTS THAT DO NOT SPEAK WITH EACH OTHER. AND  
25 THAT'S EVEN WORSE, I MEAN, THAT'S A CONSULTANT TO LOOK AT IT,

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1 YOU KNOW. AND RECENTLY YOU APPROVED GARDENER TO SUPERVISE THE  
2 TECHNOLOGY OF MANY, MANY, MANY MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. THAT NEEDS  
3 TO STOP SOMEWHERE. EITHER GET RID OF YOUR INFORMATION  
4 TECHNOLOGY, HAVE PEOPLE WHO ARE MORE COMPETENT SO THEY CAN DO  
5 THE JOB. IT'S WHY WE HAVE A DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION  
6 TECHNOLOGY. IT'S TO SUPERVISE THE CONTRACTS. BUT ALMOST  
7 EVERYTHING WE DO, WE PAY FOR THE CONTRACT, THEN WE PAY FOR A  
8 CONSULTANT. PLEASE STOP IT. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
11 ORDERED. ITEM NO. 4.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. MAYOR AND  
14 COLLEAGUES. ITEM NO. 4 IS BEFORE US. THERE ARE SPEAKERS WHO  
15 WISH TO BE HEARD ON THE ITEM. I SIMPLY WANT TO SAY THE  
16 FOLLOWING, MR. MAYOR AND COLLEAGUES. WHEN WE THINK ABOUT  
17 I.H.H.S. PROVIDERS, WE THINK ABOUT THOSE WHO WE SOMETIMES  
18 REFER TO AS HOME CARE WORKERS, SOMETIMES REFER TO THEM AS IN  
19 HOME CARE WORKERS. BUT TODAY I THINK WE WANT TO TALK ABOUT  
20 THEM AS INDIVIDUALS WHO WORK HARD, SAVE THIS COUNTY A LOT OF  
21 MONEY, AND DESERVE TO BE RESPECTED FOR THE SWEAT OF THEIR  
22 BROW. THAT'S WHAT WE ARE ESSENTIALLY TALKING ABOUT TODAY. AND  
23 SO SOME OF US HAVE COME TO APPRECIATE THAT \$9.65 WAS, IN FACT,  
24 AN ACHIEVEMENT IN 2013, BUT THIS LEVEL OF COMPENSATION IS  
25 SIMPLY NOT ADEQUATE. AND WHAT WE SEEK TODAY TO ACCOMPLISH BY

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1 THE RIDLEY-THOMAS/SOLIS MOTION IS TO PUT HOME CARE WORKERS ON  
2 A PATH TO \$15 PER HOUR. [APPLAUSE.] AN AMOUNT-- [APPLAUSE] IF  
3 WE ARE SERIOUS ABOUT THE ISSUE OF POVERTY WAGES, IF WE ARE  
4 SERIOUS ABOUT THE ISSUE OF LIFTING PEOPLE OUT OF CIRCUMSTANCES  
5 THAT ARE VERY HARD TO DEFEND, THEN WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO DO  
6 WHAT WE KNOW IS RIGHT. STUDIES HAVE SHOWN THAT AS WAGES AND  
7 BENEFITS ARE INCREASED, I.H.S.S. WORKER RETENTION AND QUALITY  
8 OF CARE INCREASES, LEADING TO GREATER STABILITY WITHIN THAT  
9 WORKFORCE, WHICH IS IMPORTANT TO US FOR FUNDAMENTAL ECONOMIC  
10 REASONS, BUT MORE FUNDAMENTAL THAN THAT IS THE QUESTION THAT  
11 IT MEANS BETTER CARE FOR CONSUMERS, THE PATIENTS, MANY OF WHOM  
12 ARE THOSE WHO WOULD OTHERWISE FIND THEMSELVES IN CIRCUMSTANCES  
13 THAT MIGHT BE UNSPEAKABLE. AND SO THE MOTION, WE THINK, IS  
14 APPROPRIATE, WE THINK IT'S RIGHT, WE THINK IT'S PRUDENT. WE  
15 THINK IT IS WHAT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CAN AND SHOULD DO.  
16 AND SO WE SUBMIT IT BEFORE YOU FOR YOUR FULL CONSIDERATION AND  
17 APPROVAL. MR. MAYOR, I WOULD ASK THAT THE PERSONS WHO ARE  
18 LISTED TO-- PARDON ME FOR JUST A MOMENT-- WE WOULD ASK THAT  
19 THE PERSONS WHO HAVE CALLED ON US TO ALLOW THEM TO BE HEARD TO  
20 DO SO AT THIS TIME. AND THEN FROM THAT POINT, OTHER MEMBERS OF  
21 THE BOARD, I WOULD LIKE TO WEIGH IN AND THEN I WILL SEEK TO  
22 CLOSE WITH YOUR PERMISSION.  
23  
24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE HAVE CINDY FARRAND, REGINA SUTTON.  
25 LAPHONZA BUTLER. ELEN ASATRYAN.

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1

2 **LAPHONZA BUTLER:** MR. MAYOR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, GOOD

3 MORNING. MY NAME'S LAPHONZA BUTLER AND I'M PRESIDENT OF

4 S.E.I.U. UNITED LONG-TERM CARE WORKERS. ON BEHALF OF THE

5 140,000 LONG TERM-CARE PROVIDERS OF S.E.I.U. U.L.T.C.W., WE

6 WANTED TO TAKE AN OPPORTUNITY TO APPRECIATE WHAT THIS BOARD IS

7 ABOUT TO CONSIDER AS IT IS AN EFFORT THAT PUTS I.H.H.S.

8 PROVIDERS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ON THE PATH TO \$15 AN

9 HOUR. AS YOU'VE HEARD FROM CAREGIVERS ALL ACROSS THE COUNTY,

10 IT'S HARD TO SURVIVE ON \$9.65. IN FACT, IT'S PRETTY MUCH

11 IMPOSSIBLE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. TODAY, 81 PERCENT OF L.A.

12 COUNTY HOME CARE WORKERS LIVE IN POVERTY. 33 PERCENT RELY ON

13 PUBLIC ASSISTANCE TO HELP COVER THEIR BASIC NEEDS. AND 18

14 PERCENT ARE FORCED TO TURN TO CALFRESH IN ORDER TO FEED THEIR

15 FAMILIES. BUT THIS MOTION REPRESENTS AN OPPORTUNITY TO CHANGE

16 THOSE STATISTICS. BY VOTING TO APPROVE THIS MOTION, YOU ARE

17 LETTING CAREGIVERS AND THEIR CONSUMERS KNOW THAT THEIR VOICES

18 HAVE NOT FALLEN ON DEAF EARS. YOU ARE SAYING TO THESE WORKERS,

19 AND OTHERS, THAT YOU KNOW THE VALUE OF THEIR WORK, OF THE WORK

20 THAT THEY DO AND YOU ARE TAKING ACTION TO BEGIN TO LIFT THEM

21 OUT OF POVERTY. WHILE THE L.A. CITY MINIMUM WAGE ORDINANCE WAS

22 A HUGE VICTORY THAT WOULD CHANGE THE LIVES OF NEARLY 1 MILLION

23 ANGELINOS, THAT ORDINANCE HAS NO IMPACT ON THE WAGES OF

24 I.H.S.S. PROVIDERS. AND AS THIS BOARD CONSIDERS RAISING THE

25 WAGE FOR OTHERS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, THAT, TOO, WILL HAVE NO

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1 IMPACT ON HOME CARE WORKERS. THE ONLY WAY TO IMPROVE THE LIVES  
2 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY HOME CARE PROVIDERS IS PASSING THIS  
3 MOTION, AND WE THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] IS REGINA  
6 SUTTON HERE? IS ELEN ASATRYAN? IS LAPHONZA BUTLER?

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MAYBE SHE NEEDS TO SPEAK AGAIN, YEAH.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHY NOT, WHY NOT? JONATHAN KLEIN AND  
11 ROBERT LUCAS.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. MAYOR, IT SEEMS THERE ARE NO PERSONS  
14 REMAINING TO WISH TO BE HEARD.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MR. LUCAS IS COMING.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THAT MEANS WE CAN GET TO THE VOTE.

19

20 **ROBERT LUCAS:** ARE WE READY? GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD. YOU KNOW,  
21 LET ME GIVE YOU SOME OF MY EXPERIENCE WITH WHAT THESE PEOPLE  
22 DO. I WAS FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO SPEND THE LAST 10 YEARS WITH MY  
23 GREAT GRANDMOTHER AND MY GRANDMOTHER. MY GRANDMOTHER TOOK CARE  
24 OF MY GREAT GRANDMOTHER AND I ASSISTED HER IN DOING THAT. BACK  
25 THEN, THIS HOME CARE CAREGIVER WAS CALLED HOME CHORE. IT

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1 WASN'T MUCH MONEY. WE STRUGGLED. I'M NOT SAYING THAT IT'S NOT  
2 A STRUGGLE. BUT THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS I'VE LOOKED AT THIS  
3 OVER THE LAST MONTH AND A HALF, I WAS GRATEFUL TO BE A PART OF  
4 THEIR LIVES NO MATTER HOW IT WENT BECAUSE THEY WERE GONE. I  
5 DEVELOPED SUCH A RAPPORT AND CARING ABOUT ANOTHER HUMAN BEING  
6 BY SACRIFICING, BY USING THE COUNTY RESOURCES. AND I WASN'T  
7 FORCED TO CALFRESH. I MADE A CHOICE. I WASN'T GOING TO  
8 STRUGGLE TO THE POINT TO PUT IT IN OTHER PEOPLE'S HANDS. I  
9 WENT OUT AND DID SOMETHING ABOUT IT. I WENT OUT, I DIDN'T  
10 SETTLE FOR THE MONEY THAT WAS BEING GIVEN TO ME, NOT THAT I  
11 WASN'T PROVIDING A GOOD SERVICE. AND I LOVED TO DO IT. BUT THE  
12 FACT OF THE MATTER IS I WASN'T GOING TO WAIT ON SOMEBODY TO  
13 GIVE ME SOMETHING. IF I WASN'T SATISFIED WITH MY SITUATION, I  
14 CHANGED IT. THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS: IT CAUSED ME TO MAKE  
15 SOME BAD DECISIONS, SOME BAD CHOICES. I DON'T RECOMMEND IT FOR  
16 EVERYBODY. BUT THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS IF I TAKE CONTROL OF  
17 MY OWN LIFE, MY OWN DESTINY AND THE PEOPLE AROUND ME THAT I  
18 TRULY LOVE, I CAN COME AND ASK FOR SOME HELP, BUT I'M NOT  
19 GOING TO BE DEPENDENT ON IT. THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS, IS YOU  
20 GUYS HAVE PUT SOMETHING IN ORDER AND UP IN FRONT OF THE  
21 SUPERVISORS IN ORDER TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN BY 2020. THAT'S  
22 GREAT. THE FACT IS: 65 PERCENT OF SACRAMENTO HAVE TO AGREE  
23 WITH THIS. SO ALL OF THE RESOURCES THAT ARE GOING INTO THE  
24 MESSAGES BEEN HEARD LOUD AND CLEAR HERE OVER THE LAST FIVE



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1 WEEKS, LET'S TAKE IT UP NORTH TO SACRAMENTO AND MAKE THIS  
2 HAPPEN. [APPLAUSE.]

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** MR. MAYOR?

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU. I WANT TO CONGRATULATE SUPERVISOR  
9 MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR PRESENTING THIS MOTION BECAUSE IT DOES  
10 TAKE AN ACT OF COURAGE. EVEN THOUGH OUR ECONOMIC SITUATION IN  
11 CALIFORNIA AND IN THE COUNTY HAS CHANGED SOMEWHAT, IT HASN'T  
12 CHANGED FOR EVERYONE. AND WE HEARD THAT OVER AND OVER AGAIN  
13 WITH RESPECT TO THE IN HOME HEALTHCARE SERVICE WORKERS. AND I  
14 JUST WANT TO SAY THAT TODAY'S A PROUD DAY FOR LOS ANGELES  
15 COUNTY BECAUSE WE RECOGNIZE THE WORK AND DIGNITY THAT GOES  
16 WITH THESE WORKERS THAT THEY PROVIDE BY TAKING CARE OF OUR  
17 LOVED ONES THAT WE ENTRUST, WHETHER THEY ARE MEN, WOMEN,  
18 ELDERLY, DISABLED, EVEN CHILDREN, THESE ARE OUR FAMILY  
19 MEMBERS. AND I WANT TO SAY THAT THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WILL  
20 LEAD US I HOPE TO A PATH FOR EVENTUALLY \$15 A DAY-- AN HOUR,  
21 I'M SORRY. AN HOUR. [LAUGHTER.] AN HOUR. I'M DELIGHTED THAT  
22 MANY OF YOU HAVE BEEN PERSISTENT BECAUSE SOMETIMES PERSISTENCE  
23 DOES GET THE WORK DONE. AND I KNOW THAT YOU DO THAT WHEN YOU  
24 TAKE CARE OF OUR FAMILY MEMBERS. SOMEONE RIGHT NOW IS TAKING  
25 CARE OF MY ELDERLY MOTHER, ALSO, PROVIDING HER WITH THE CARE

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1 THAT SHE NEEDS, HER MEDICATION AND ALL THE HELP THAT KEEPS HER  
2 MOVING AT 89 YEARS OF AGE. SO IT'S A GOOD DAY FOR US. WE KNOW  
3 WE HAVE MUCH TO DO. WE KNOW WE HAVE TO VIGILANT IN TERMS OF  
4 ALSO OUR DOLLARS. AND I DO THINK IT'S OUR RESPONSIBILITY HERE  
5 TO DIRECT OUR SACRAMENTO LEGISLATIVE TEAM TO ADVOCATE SO THAT  
6 THE STATE DOES INCREASE ITS CAP AND PROVIDES THESE WORKERS  
7 WHAT THEY ARE OWED, AS WELL. SO OUR WORK IS NOT DONE AND I  
8 CONTINUE TO SUPPORT OUR EMPLOYEES AS WELL AS THOSE THAT WORK  
9 HERE IN THE COUNTY. AND I WANT TO THANK ALL THE BOARD MEMBERS  
10 THAT UNDERSTAND HOW IMPORTANT AND VITAL THIS ISSUE IS TO NOT  
11 ONLY OUR FAMILIES, OUR CONSTITUENTS, BUT TO OUR ECONOMY,  
12 BECAUSE WITH THAT, MONEY THAT IS SPENT AS DISPOSABLE INCOME IS  
13 GOING TO HELP INCENTIVIZE OUR ECONOMIC WELL-BEING IN THE  
14 COUNTY, AS WELL. WHEN WE LIFT WAGES, WE LIFT UP OUR  
15 COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ALSO ARNOLD SACHS. ARNOLD SACHS.  
18 SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

19

20 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. WHILE MR. SACHS IS  
21 COMING UP, LET ME ADD MY VOICE BECAUSE I SUPPORT THIS MOTION.  
22 I WILL SUPPORT THIS MOTION. MORE THAN THIS MOTION, I FEEL A  
23 LOT OF GRATITUDE TO THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE BEEN ATTENDING THESE  
24 MEETINGS AND OTHER MEETINGS, CITY COUNCIL, OUR DISTRICT  
25 OFFICES, MANY OF THE MEETINGS ABOUT MINIMUM WAGE, OVER AND

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1 OVER AND OVER. AND AS MUCH AS PEOPLE COMPLAIN ABOUT PEOPLE NOT  
2 PARTICIPATING IN THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS, THEY WILL NEVER BE  
3 ABLE TO SAY THAT ABOUT YOU. YOU HAVE RECOGNIZED THAT YOUR HARD  
4 WORK IS A STORY, AND YOU'VE TOLD US THE STORY. SO IT'S  
5 INCUMBENT UPON US TO TRY TO FIGURE OUT WHAT WE CAN DO, HOW FAR  
6 WE CAN GO, WHERE WE CAN MEET, AND I JUST WANTED TO ADD MY  
7 VOICE IT REALLY IN PRAISE OF YOUR WORK, PRESIDENT BUTLER AND  
8 HER WORK, AND THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR CONSTANTLY, CONSTANTLY  
9 SHOWING UP.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MR. SACHS?

12

13 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON, ARNOLD SACHS.  
14 AND IT'S SUCH A LOAD OF CRAP. THERE'S NOTHING IN THIS MOTION  
15 THAT SAYS ANYTHING ABOUT \$15, PRAYING FOR \$15. IT JUST SAYS  
16 THE HIGHEST IS LIKE 11.50 IN 2020. THE CITY'S MOTION SAYS \$15  
17 IN 2020. SO, THE PATHWAY TO \$15? IF YOU STOOD ON MOUNT  
18 EVEREST, YOU MIGHT SEE THAT GOAL IN THE BACK. IT'S LIKE  
19 LOOKING AT THE PLANETS. YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT-- THE PEOPLE HERE  
20 ARE TALKING ABOUT PLUTO. YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT URANUS. THERE'S  
21 NOTHING THAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN. \$10.50 WAS THE MINIMUM LIVING  
22 WAGE ORDINANCE FOR THE COUNTY. WHERE WAS THAT? \$10.50 IN 2013.  
23 YOU DIDN'T HAVE MONEY FOR THAT. THE BEST PART ABOUT THIS WHOLE  
24 MOTION, ACTUALLY, IS IF YOU PICK UP THIS GREEN SHEET AND YOU  
25 LOOK AT THE FIRST PAGE, THE SECOND PAGE, IT ACTUALLY SAYS THE

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1 STATE PAYS ITS CUSTOMARY 65 PERCENT OF THE NONFEDERAL COST. SO  
2 WHAT DOES THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PAY? SOMEBODY SAID IT SAVES  
3 THE COUNTY A LOT OF MONEY. IT ACTUALLY MAKES THE COUNTY A LOT  
4 OF MONEY BECAUSE YOU GET FEDERAL FUNDING, AND YOU ALLOCATE  
5 THAT MONEY AS YOU SEE FIT. SO EVERY ONE OF THESE PEOPLE IS  
6 JUST, SOMEBODY MENTIONED IT EARLIER, SLAVES, BECAUSE YOU'RE  
7 CERTAINLY NOT PAYING THAT FEDERAL MONEY OUT AT 100 PERCENT.  
8 YOU CAN NEGOTIATE HOW YOU WANT IT BECAUSE NOBODY BUT NOBODY IN  
9 THIS COUNTY HAS ANY OVERSIGHT, ANY QUESTIONS. YOU PEOPLE HAVE  
10 BEEN LED DOWN HERE LIKE SHEEP. SOMEBODY MENTIONED TO ME, DO  
11 SHEEP KNOW WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO THEM WHEN THEY GO TO THE  
12 SLAUGHTERHOUSE? YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE THAT CLUE. PAY ATTENTION  
13 TO WHAT'S GOING ON. THESE STORIES HAVE BEEN GOING ON FOR FOUR  
14 OR FIVE, 10 YEARS. YOU'RE NOT EVEN MAKING THE COUNTY LIVING  
15 WAGE ORDINANCE, \$10.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. MAYOR, PERMIT ME AN OPPORTUNITY TO  
20 WEIGH IN IF I MAY. NO MATTER WHAT YOU SAY, ARNOLD SACHS, OR  
21 WHAT YOU DO, YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO DENY THESE WORKERS WHO  
22 HAVE COME HERE WEEK IN AND WEEK OUT TO APPEAL TO THEIR  
23 GOVERNMENT FOR A MODICUM OF RESPECT. AND SO WHATEVER YOU WISH  
24 TO DO, DON'T YOU DELUDE YOURSELF INTO THINKING THAT YOU WILL

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1 ROB THESE WORKERS OF THEIR JOY. [APPLAUSE] HE IS OUT OF ORDER.

2 HE CAN TAKE HIS SEAT. SERGEANT?

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, I CONCUR WITH WHAT SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS

7 JUST SAID, AS WELL, TOO. AS NOTED, I DO HAVE A COMPETING

8 MOTION ON THE AGENDA.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE'LL TAKE YOURS UP FIRST. READ YOUR

11 MOTION.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** I DON'T WANT TO READ IT. I JUST WANT TO MAKE SOME

14 COMMENTS, IF YOU DON'T MIND. IF THAT'S OKAY?

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FINE. I ALSO HAVE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE SAY

17 WHAT IT IS.

18

19 **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** MR. MAYOR? SUPERVISOR KNABE

20 [INAUDIBLE] SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY, SUPERVISOR KNABE.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. MY AGENDA IS BASICALLY-- MY ITEM ON THE

25 AGENDA IS BASICALLY THE SAME THING AS PROPOSED BY SUPERVISOR

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1 RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS. THE ONLY DIFFERENCE IS A  
2 LITTLE BIT SLOWER PROCESS. AND THE REASON FOR THAT IS THAT WE  
3 HAVE A LOT OF THINGS COMING UP AS IT RELATES TO MINIMUM WAGE  
4 AND OTHER ECONOMIC KINDS OF THINGS THAT WE'VE DONE ON A SLOW  
5 BUT SURE BASIS, THE DIFFERENCE BEING ABOUT EIGHT MONTHS IN  
6 WHAT I PRESENTED AND WHAT'S BEFORE THE BOARD ON BEHALF OF  
7 SUPERVISOR THOMAS AND SOLIS. I THINK ONE OF THE UNCERTAINTIES  
8 IS AROUND THE MINIMUM WAGE ORDINANCE THAT'S BEING PRESENTED  
9 FOR NEXT WEEK. WE ALSO NEED TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE-- AND I  
10 THINK EVERYONE UNDERSTANDS, THAT THE STATE TAKES OVER  
11 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING ON JULY 1ST. AND WHILE THE OTHER  
12 IMPORTANT PIECE OF THAT MOTION-- AND I GOT HERE, WALKED IN  
13 BEHIND, BUT I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S BEEN REMOVED-- BUT OBVIOUSLY  
14 WE HAVE A MOTION ON THE FLOOR THAT WAIVES THE FOUR-VOTE RULE  
15 ON FISCAL MOTIONS TEMPORARILY. I REALLY THINK THAT'S A BAD  
16 PRECEDENT. THAT'S AN ISSUE WE WORKED VERY HARD ON TO MAKE SURE  
17 THAT WE HAVE THE PROPER CREDIT RATINGS. OUR BUDGET POLICIES  
18 HAVE ALWAYS BEEN HIGHLIGHTED AS A REASON WHY WE HAVE VERY  
19 STRONG BOND RATINGS. I WANT TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT I DO SUPPORT  
20 A WAGE INCREASE FOR THE I.H.S.S. PROVIDERS. I ALSO UNDERSTAND  
21 THAT REGARDLESS OF WHAT WE DO NOW, THEY WILL SEE AN INCREASE  
22 IN JANUARY OF 2016. THE MOTION I PUT FORTH, AS I SAID, IT'S  
23 ABOUT EIGHT MONTHS LATER THAN MY COLLEAGUES ARE PROPOSING. BUT  
24 WHAT I AM PROPOSING IS THAT WE ALLOCATE THE DOLLARS IN '16/'17  
25 BUDGET AS OPPOSED TO THE '15/'16 BUDGET. I AM PROPOSING THIS

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1 OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO MOVE FORWARD TO GET THE NECESSARY VOTES,  
2 THE FOUR VOTES TO PASS THIS, AND THAT ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I'LL SECOND MR. KNABE'S MOTION. CALL  
5 THE ROLL. SUPERVISOR?

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** LET ME JUST SPEAK TO THAT MOTION. AND IT  
8 ESSENTIALLY WOULD BE AS FOLLOWS: IT IS A QUESTION OF THE LEVEL  
9 OF TOLERANCE FOR INCOME INEQUALITY THAT'S AT STAKE HERE. MY  
10 VIEW IS THAT WE NEEDN'T TOLERATE IT ANY LONGER THAN IS  
11 REQUIRED. TO THE EXTENT THAT IS THE CASE, WE CAN AND SHOULD  
12 PRUDENTLY MOVE FORWARD. THIS IS THE MAXIMUM THAT CAN BE  
13 ALLOWED BY THE STATE WITHOUT EXPOSING THE COUNTY TO RISK FROM  
14 A FISCAL POINT OF VIEW. AND AT THE SAME TIME, IT GIVES A CLEAR  
15 INDICATION TO THESE 140,000 WORKERS THAT THEY MATTER AND THEY  
16 DESERVE THE DIGNITY OF A DECENT COMPENSATION COMMENSURATE WITH  
17 WHAT THEY DO TO HELP PEOPLE WHO WE LOVE AND CARE FOR. THAT'S  
18 WHAT'S AT STAKE HERE, AND IT WOULD SEEM TO ME TO DELAY  
19 TRIGGERS A SET OF PROBLEMS. IT DISADVANTAGES THEM IN TERMS OF  
20 THEIR POSITION WITH RESPECT TO WHAT THEY NEED TO DO IN THE  
21 STATE. THIS IS NOT OVER TODAY. THAT'S WHY WE'RE TAKING IT UP  
22 NOW RATHER THAN NEXT WEEK, SO THAT THEY CAN MOVE FORWARD. SO  
23 ANY DELAY IS A SETBACK BY ANY STANDARD OF MEASUREMENT.  
24 THEREFORE I STRONGLY URGE A NO VOTE ON THE MOTION THAT'S  
25 BEFORE US.



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1

2 SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: CALL THE ROLL.

3

4 LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

5

6 SUP. SOLIS: NO.

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8 LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

9

10 SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: NO.

11

12 LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

13

14 SUP. SHEILA KUEHL: NO.

15

16 LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR KNABE?

17

18 SUP. KNABE: AYE.

19

20 LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.: AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

21

22 SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: AYE. MOTION FAILS 3-2. LET ME SAY THAT

23 I AGREE THAT THERE HAS TO BE AN INCREASE TO HELP THE

24 CAREGIVERS AND THE PATIENTS IN OUR COUNTY WHO ARE ABLE TO

25 REMAIN IN THEIR OWN HOMES SURROUNDED BY FAMILY AND FRIEND IN A

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1 WARM AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT. AND THIS IS A POSITIVE PROGRAM,  
2 POSITIVE STEP FOR OUR AGED AND THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY. I WOULD  
3 LIKE THAT WE WOULD DIVIDE THE QUESTION 1, 2 TOGETHER AND 3 AS  
4 A SEPARATE VOTE. WE DIVIDE THE QUESTION OF SUPERVISOR MARK  
5 RIDLEY AND HILDA SOLIS'S MOTION. BUT I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ADD  
6 THAT WE ASK THAT WE DIRECT THE LOBBYISTS IN SACRAMENTO TO  
7 VIGOROUSLY SUPPORT THE INCREASES IN THE STATE'S SHARE OF COSTS  
8 FOR THE I.H.S.S. PROGRAM AND THAT THEY PURSUE ALTERNATIVE  
9 FORMULAS AND STRUCTURES THAT WOULD FAIRLY DISTRIBUTE SHARE OF  
10 COSTS AMONG THE STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT. BECAUSE AGAIN THIS  
11 IS BEING DEBATED, DISCUSSED IN SACRAMENTO IN THEIR COLLECTIVE  
12 BARGAINING, AND OUR LOBBYIST SHOULD BE AT THE FOREFRONT OF  
13 THAT ENSURING THAT WE GET ADDITIONAL INCREASE IN THOSE FUNDS.  
14 SO WE'LL CALL-- AND SO I WOULD LIKE THAT AS A FRIENDLY  
15 AMENDMENT, THAT PART. BUT I WOULD LIKE TO CALL THE VOTE ON THE  
16 ITEM AND DIVIDE THE QUESTION WITH 1 AND 2 BEING THE FIRST ONE  
17 AND ITEM 3.

18

19 **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** MR. MAYOR, IF I MAY, WE'RE  
20 GOING TO TAKE UP RECOMMENDATION NO. 3 FIRST WITH THE  
21 RECOMMENDATION TO SUSPEND THE FOUR-VOTE REQUIREMENT?

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YES, JUST THAT ONE, YES.

24

25 **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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1

2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** PLEASE READ THAT?

3

4 **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** THE RECOMMENDATION IS TO

5 SUSPEND PARAGRAPH 18 OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS POLICY NO.

6 4.030 BUDGET POLICIES AND PRIORITIES WHICH REQUIRE A 4/5

7 AGREEMENT ON LABOR AGREEMENTS IMPACTING SALARIES AND EMPLOYEE

8 BENEFIT COST INCREASES.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AYE.

11

12 **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AYE.

15

16 **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

17

18 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** AYE.

19

20 **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** NO.

23

24 **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

25

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1 SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: NO.

2

3 LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.: IT CARRIES, THANK YOU.

4

5 SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: OKAY. ON THE MAIN MOTION?

6

7 LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.: ON THE MAIN MOTION,

8 SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

9

10 SUP. HILDA SOLIS: THIS IS ON OUR MOTION?

11

12 LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.: RECOMMENDATIONS 1 AND 2 OF

13 YOUR MOTION.

14

15 SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: AS AMENDED.

16

17 LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.: AS AMENDED BY SUPERVISOR

18 ANTONOVICH.

19

20 SUP. HILDA SOLIS: YES.

21

22 LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

23

24 SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: AYE.

25

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1    **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

2

3    **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** AYE.

4

5    **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

6

7    **SUP. KNABE:** NO.

8

9    **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

10

11    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AYE. MOTION CARRIES.

12

13    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU. OKAY. ITEM NO--

14

15    **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** MR. MAYOR, I HAD ASKED PERMISSION TO READ  
16    IN A MOTION THAT WOULD BE CONSIDERED NEXT WEEK UPON PASSAGE OF  
17    OR CONSIDERATION OF THIS MOTION. IS THAT ALL RIGHT FOR NOW?

18

19    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** FINE.

20

21    **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU. I BROUGHT IN A MOTION I WOULD  
22    LIKE TO PRESENT TO BE VOTED ON NEXT WEEK REGARDING MINIMUM  
23    WAGE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. MOTION READS AS FOLLOWS: ON  
24    MARCH 31ST, 2015, THIS BOARD TOOK NOTE OF THE FACT THAT IN LOS  
25    ANGELES COUNTY, 2.7 MILLION RESIDENTS LIVE IN POVERTY DEFINED

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1 BY THE CALIFORNIA POVERTY MEASURES AS AN ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD  
2 INCOME OF LESS THAN \$30,785 FOR A FAMILY OF FOUR. THESE  
3 RESIDENTS CONSTITUTING 27 PERCENT OF THE COUNTY'S OVERALL  
4 POPULATION REPRESENTED AN IMPOVERISHED CONSTITUENCY THE SIZE  
5 OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, THE THIRD LARGEST CITY IN THE NATION,  
6 LIVING IN THE MIDST OF PLENTY. THE FACT THAT MANY COUNTY  
7 RESIDENTS, DESPITE WORKING FULL TIME, EARN TOO LITTLE IN WAGES  
8 TO COVER EVEN THEIR BARE NECESSITIES, SUCH AS SAFE HOUSING,  
9 HEALTHY FOOD, ADEQUATE CLOTHING AND BASIC MEDICAL CARE IS  
10 INTOLERABLE IN A COUNTY THAT VALUES EQUITY AND FAIR REWARD. AS  
11 OF JANUARY 1ST, 2016, THE STATEWIDE MINIMUM WAGE WILL RISE TO  
12 \$10 AN HOUR, BUT THE INCOME OF A FULL-TIME MINIMUM WAGE WORKER  
13 WILL ONLY INCREASE TO \$20,000 A YEAR. IN THE COUNTY OF LOS  
14 ANGELES, ACCORDING TO THE MOST RECENT U.S.C. CASTING MULTI-  
15 FAMILY FORECAST, FOUR STRAIGHT YEARS OF INCREASES HAVE RAISED  
16 THE AVERAGE RENT TO \$1,716 A MONTH. THIS MEANS THAT FULL-TIME  
17 MINIMUM WAGE EARNERS, HALF OF WHOM ARE WOMEN, COULD NOT EVEN  
18 AFFORD THE AVERAGE COST OF KEEPING A ROOF OVER THEIR FAMILY'S  
19 HEAD, MUCH LESS ALL THEIR OTHER EXPENSES. SINCE AUGUST 2014,  
20 THERE HAVE BEEN FOUR STUDIES FROM A VARIETY OF IDEOLOGICAL  
21 PERSPECTIVES ATTEMPTING TO ASSESS THE ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF  
22 RAISING THE MINIMUM WAGE IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES BEYOND  
23 THAT REQUIRED BY STATE LAW. AND THE CITY SUBSEQUENTLY FURTHER  
24 COMMISSIONED A PEER REVIEW OF THOSE STUDIES. IN MARCH OF 2015,  
25 OUR BOARD ASKED THE LOS ANGELES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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1 CORPORATION TO UNDERTAKE ITS OWN REVIEW AND ASSESSMENT OF  
2 THOSE FOUR STUDIES WITH AN ADDED EMPHASIS ON GAUGING THE  
3 POTENTIAL EFFECTS OF BUSINESSES AND WORKERS OF RAISING THE  
4 MINIMUM WAGE IN THE COUNTY'S UNINCORPORATED AREAS AND THE  
5 FISCAL IMPACT ON THE COUNTY BUDGET WHERE AS MANY AS 5,000  
6 COUNTY EMPLOYEES, OR ROUGHLY 5 PERCENT OF OUR COUNTY  
7 WORKFORCE, COULD ALSO BE COVERED BY SUCH AN INCREASE. THE L.A.  
8 E.D.C. HAS FINISHED ITS REVIEW OF THE LITERATURE AND THE  
9 ANALYSES AND METHODOLOGY IN THE RECENT STUDIES. ITS REPORT,  
10 THE FINAL DRAFT FORTHCOMING, SUMMARIZED THE STUDIES WHICH  
11 AGREE ACTUALLY ON ONLY ONE FINDING: THAT NO LOSS OF JOBS IS  
12 PREDICTED, EVEN BY THE MOST CONSERVATIVE STUDY. THE L.A.  
13 E.D.C. REPORT DOES HOWEVER CONTAIN A VERY SIGNIFICANT AND  
14 ORIGINAL ELEMENT LACKING IN ALL THE EARLIER STUDIES WHICH  
15 OFFERS DEEPER AND MORE PERSUASIVE INSIGHT INTO THE LIKELY  
16 ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF RAISING THE MINIMUM WAGE IN THE COUNTY OF  
17 LOS ANGELES THAN ANY OTHER EARLIER THEORETICAL WORKS WITH ALL  
18 THEIR DIVERGENT AND SOMEWHAT INCONCLUSIVE FINDINGS. THE L.A.  
19 E.D.C. COMMISSIONED AN INDEPENDENTLY CONDUCTED SURVEY OF  
20 BUSINESSES RANDOMLY SELECTED THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE COUNTY AND  
21 CONFIDENTIALLY ASKED THEM A SERIES OF 24 QUESTIONS ABOUT THE  
22 MAKEUP OF THEIR WORKFORCE, HOW THEIR BUSINESS DECISIONS MIGHT  
23 BE AFFECTED BY AN INCREASE IN THE MINIMUM WAGE. ONE THOUSAND  
24 BUSINESSES REPLIED, A COMPLETION RATE OF 70 PERCENT AND A  
25 SAMPLING ERROR PLUS OR MINUS 3.2 PERCENT, A SO THE RESULTS



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1 HAVE A 95 PERCENT CONFIDENCE LEVEL. THERE'S LITTLE ARGUMENT  
2 THAT MINIMUM WAGE WORKERS AND THEIR FAMILIES WILL BENEFIT FROM  
3 THE INCREASE IN HOUSEHOLD INCOME BY RAISING THE WAGE, NOR IS  
4 THERE ANY DISPUTE THAT INCREASING THEIR PURCHASING POWER WILL  
5 HELP STIMULATE THE LOCAL ECONOMY. AND HOW MUCH MIGHT THESE  
6 BENEFITS BE OFFSET BY NEGATIVE ECONOMIC IMPACTS SUCH AS  
7 REDUCED HOURS, LAYOFFS OR AN EXODUS OF BUSINESSES TO LOWER  
8 WAGE JURISDICTIONS? HERE, THE FINDINGS OF THE BUSINESS SURVEY  
9 DIRECTLY CONTRADICTING MUCH OF THE RHETORICAL OPPOSITION TO  
10 RAISING THE MINIMUM WAGE ARE AS STRIKING AS THEY ARE  
11 SIGNIFICANTLY-- STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT. ZERO PERCENT OF THE  
12 EMPLOYEES SURVEYED SHOWED THEY PLANNED TO CLOSE THEIR BUSINESS  
13 DUE TO RAISING THE MINIMUM WAGE. 6 PERCENT OF EMPLOYERS  
14 THOUGHT IT MIGHT EVEN BE SOMEWHAT LIKELY THEY WOULD REDUCE THE  
15 NUMBER OF MINIMUM WAGE EMPLOYEES. 71 PERCENT OF THE EMPLOYERS  
16 THOUGHT IT UNLIKELY THEY WOULD REDUCE THE WORK HOURS OF THEIR  
17 MINIMUM WAGE EMPLOYEES. ONLY 2 PERCENT THOUGHT THAT IT MIGHT  
18 BE SOMEWHAT LIKELY. 72 PERCENT THOUGHT IT UNLIKELY THEY WOULD  
19 INVEST IN LABOR-SAVING OR LABOR-REPLACING DEVICES OR  
20 PROCESSES. AGAIN, ONLY 2 PERCENT THOUGHT IT EVEN SOMEWHAT  
21 LIKELY. 66 PERCENT OF THE EMPLOYERS THOUGHT IT LIKELY THEY  
22 WOULD SAVE MONEY WITH THE WAGE RAISE BY REDUCING THE COST OF  
23 EMPLOYEE TURNOVER. 65 PERCENT SAID IT WAS UNLIKELY THEY WOULD  
24 MOVE THEIR BUSINESS TO A COMMUNITY WITH A LOWER MINIMUM WAGE.  
25 ZERO PERCENT SAID IT WAS LIKELY. 66 PERCENT OF THE EMPLOYERS

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1 SAID THEY'RE LIKELY TO INCREASE THEIR MINIMUM WAGE TO MATCH  
2 WAGES PAID BY OTHER CITIES, ANYWAY. 72 PERCENT OF THE  
3 EMPLOYERS BELIEVE THEIR EMPLOYEES WOULD BE HAPPIER AND MORE  
4 PRODUCTIVE IF THEY WERE BETTER PAID. AND WHO ARE THE MINIMUM  
5 WAGE EMPLOYEES WHO WOULD MOST BENEFIT? AGAIN, THE SURVEY  
6 BELIED THE FAMILIAR RHETORIC. 70.5 PERCENT OF MINIMUM WAGE  
7 WORKERS ARE FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES. ONLY 3.4 PERCENT ARE  
8 TEENAGERS. IN SOME SETTING ASIDE THEORY AND EXAMINING THE  
9 ACTUAL THINKING OF BUSINESS PEOPLE, WE FIND VERY FEW EMPLOYERS  
10 SURVEYED FORESEE SUBSTANTIAL NEGATIVE IMPACTS. AFTER MUCH  
11 STUDY AND DEBATE, THE CITY OF L.A., WHICH IS ABOUT ALMOST 40  
12 PERCENT OF THE COUNTY'S POPULATION, 40 PERCENT OF THE PAYROLL  
13 JOBS, RECENTLY ADOPTED AN INCREASE IN THE HOURLY MINIMUM WAGE  
14 BEGINNING WITH \$10.50 IN 2016, RISING TO \$15 BY JULY 1, 2020,  
15 INDEXED THERE AFTER BEGINNING IN 2022. TO MINIMIZE CONFUSION,  
16 DISRUPTION AND DESTRUCTIVE CROSS JURISDICTIONAL CONFLICT AND  
17 COMPETITION FOR BOTH WORKERS AND BUSINESSES, I BELIEVE THE  
18 COUNTY SHOULD ADOPT THE SAME MINIMUM WAGE PLAN DEVELOPED FOR  
19 THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND ENCOURAGE THE COUNTY'S OTHER 87  
20 INCORPORATED AREAS TO FOLLOW SUIT. I THEREFORE MOVE TO BE  
21 VOTED ON NEXT WEEK AND ASK, MR. MAYOR, IF WE MIGHT HAVE A  
22 SPECIAL SET FOR OUR TESTIMONY AT 11 A.M. ON TUESDAY THE 23RD.  
23 I MOVE THAT WE DIRECT THE COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT  
24 A COUNTY-WIDE MINIMUM WAGE ORDINANCE FOR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
25 REVIEW IN 45 DAYS WHICH WILL ESTABLISH A COUNTY-WIDE MINIMUM

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1 WAGE WITH THE PROVISIONS OUTLINED BELOW. SHALL BE APPLICABLE  
2 TO EMPLOYEES OF ALL AGENCIES, INCLUDING NONPROFITS AND  
3 BUSINESSES IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF L.A. COUNTY WHERE  
4 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SERVES AS THE WAGE-SETTING ENTITY AS  
5 ALLOWED UNDER CALIFORNIA LAW. BEGINNING IN 2016, THE MINIMUM  
6 WAGE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES WILL INCREASE ANNUALLY AS  
7 FOLLOWS: FOR ALL EMPLOYERS WITH 26 OR MORE EMPLOYEES. JULY 1,  
8 2016, \$10.50. JULY 1, 2017, \$12. JULY 1, 2018, \$13.25. JULY 1,  
9 2019, \$14.25. JULY 1, 2020, \$15. EMPLOYERS WITH FEWER THAN 26  
10 EMPLOYEES WILL HAVE TWO YEARS TO PREPARE FOR THE PHASE-IN  
11 LAUNCH AND FOLLOW THE SAME ROLL-ON SCHEDULE A YEAR LATER.  
12 BEGINNING JULY 1, 2022, THE MINIMUM WAGE WILL INCREASE  
13 ANNUALLY, BASED ON THE AVERAGE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX OVER THE  
14 PREVIOUS 20 YEARS. ALSO TO DIRECT THE INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE  
15 OFFICER AND THE COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE AND TO SUBMIT TO THE  
16 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WITHIN 45 DAYS A NEW BOARD POLICY TO  
17 ESTABLISH A MINIMUM WAGE WHERE EMPLOYEES OF THE COUNTY OF LOS  
18 ANGELES, THE REGION'S LARGEST EMPLOYER, WITH THE SAME  
19 IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE AS SET OUT. SO I WILL BRING THAT  
20 MOTION FOR A VOTE NEXT WEEK, AND I WANTED TO READ IT IN FOR  
21 CONSIDERATION SO PEOPLE WILL HAVE A SUFFICIENT TIME TO  
22 CONSIDER IT.

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** MR. MAYOR? I HAVE A STATEMENT BUT ALSO AN  
25 AMENDMENT THAT I'D LIKE TO PRESENT. WHILE I COMMEND SUPERVISOR

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1 KUEHL FOR MOVING FORWARD ON THIS MOTION, I KNOW HOW IMPORTANT  
2 IT IS FOR PEOPLE CURRENTLY LIVING IN POVERTY. BUT IF YOU WORK  
3 FULL-TIME, YOU SHOULD RECEIVE ADEQUATE PAY TO MAINTAIN YOUR  
4 HOUSEHOLD AND PROVIDE THOSE ESSENTIALS NEEDED FOR YOUR  
5 FAMILIES. BUT I ALSO THINK THAT THE DREAM OF BETTER WAGES ALSO  
6 SHOULD INCLUDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR SMALL BUSINESSES. AND I  
7 KNOW THAT WE HAVE DONE EXTENSIVE WORK ALREADY WITH OUR COUNTY  
8 AGENCIES TO LOOK AT AND SURVEY WHAT OUR BUSINESSES AND OUR  
9 COMMUNITY MEMBERS FEEL ABOUT RAISING THE MINIMUM WAGE. I MUST  
10 SAY THAT I WAS DISAPPOINTED IN SOME OF THE INFORMATION THAT  
11 CAME BACK TO US BECAUSE I DON'T FEEL THAT WE FULLY GOT THE  
12 FULL PURVIEW OF WHAT IS GOING ON IN COMMUNITIES LIKE MINE IN  
13 EAST LOS ANGELES WHERE A LARGE NUMBER OF SMALL BUSINESSES, MOM  
14 AND POPS, ARE MADE UP OF INDIVIDUALS THAT CURRENTLY MAY NOT  
15 EVEN BE GETTING THE MINIMUM WAGE. THERE ARE MANY, MANY ISSUES  
16 THAT AFFECT UNINCORPORATED AREAS, AND EAST L.A. IS JUST ONE OF  
17 THEM. I'M ALSO TALKING ABOUT AVOCADO HEIGHTS AND BASSETT AND  
18 MELINDA. I REPRESENT THE SECOND LARGEST UNINCORPORATED AREA IN  
19 L.A. COUNTY NEXT TO THE MAYOR'S DISTRICT. HIS AREA IS MORE  
20 RURAL; MINE IS MORE URBAN. AND WITH THAT, WE'RE PLAGUED WITH  
21 MANY, MANY ISSUES. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I WOULD LIKE TO  
22 POINT OUT IS THAT IN MY MOTION THAT I WOULD LIKE TO PUT  
23 FORWARD, I BELIEVE THAT IT'S TIME FOR US TO ALSO MAKE SURE  
24 THAT WE DO THE RIGHT THING TO ALSO HELP OUR SMALL BUSINESSES.  
25 SO I'D LIKE TO READ IN THE FOLLOWING MOTION THAT IS ALSO CO-

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1 SPONSORED BY DON KNABE, SUPERVISOR DON KNABE. THE BOARD OF  
2 SUPERVISORS SERVES IN EFFECT AS THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL FOR  
3 THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. MANY OF THESE  
4 AREAS ARE RURAL BUT MANY ALSO COVER DENSE URBAN AREAS WITH  
5 EXTENSIVE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY. FOR INSTANCE, MORE THAN 20,000  
6 WORKERS EARN THEIR LIVING IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF EAST  
7 LOS ANGELES. THE SURVEY RESULTS REPORTED BY LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
8 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION INDICATE THAT COUNTY BUSINESS  
9 OWNERS DO NOT EXPECT TO REDUCE THEIR WORKFORCE, DECREASE  
10 EMPLOYEE WORK HOURS OR RELOCATE AS A RESULT OF MINIMUM WAGE  
11 INCREASE. HOWEVER, SINCE THE SURVEY INCLUDED BUSINESSES  
12 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, IT'S NOT CLEAR HOW MANY RESPONDENTS  
13 OWNED BUSINESSES IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTY NOR  
14 HAS OUR BOARD YET RECEIVED DATA ON THE NUMBER AND SIZE OF  
15 THESE BUSINESSES, MANY OF WHICH ARE LIKELY TO BE SMALL MOM AND  
16 POP BUSINESSES FOR WHOM THE IMPACT OF MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE  
17 WILL BE THE MOST DRAMATIC. IT'S IMPERATIVE, THEREFORE, THE  
18 COUNTY DECIDES TO INCREASE THE MINIMUM WAGE IN THESE AREAS, IT  
19 ALSO USES ITS RESOURCES TO SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESSES AS THEY  
20 UNDERTAKE THIS TRANSITION. IT'S ALSO CRUCIAL FOR THE BOARD TO  
21 CLOSELY MONITOR THE IMPACTS OF SUCH A TRANSITION ON THESE  
22 BUSINESSES AND ON THE OVERALL HEALTH OF THE ECONOMY SO THAT  
23 THE BOARD CAN ADJUST THE PROPOSED POLICY AS NECESSARY. WE  
24 THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD DIRECT THE INTERIM CHIEF  
25 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER

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1 AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS AND THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY AND SENIOR  
2 SERVICES TO REPORT BACK IN 45 DAYS WITH THE PROPOSED PLAN FOR  
3 USING COUNTY RESOURCES TO SUPPORT AND ASSIST SMALL BUSINESSES  
4 IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS DURING THEIR TRANSITION TO AN  
5 INCREASED MINIMUM WAGE IF SUCH AN INCREASE IS AUTHORIZED BY  
6 THE BOARD. TWO, DIRECT THE INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO  
7 REPORT BACK IN 45 DAYS WITH THE PROPOSED ADD FOR THE FORMAT AND  
8 CONTENT OF AN ANNUAL REPORT EVALUATING THE IMPACT OF A MINIMUM  
9 WAGE INCREASE ON SMALL BUSINESSES IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS  
10 ON THE OVERALL HEALTH OF THE REGIONAL ECONOMY. I ALSO JUST  
11 WANT TO LASTLY ADD THAT I ALSO BELIEVE THAT IT'S IMPERATIVE  
12 THAT WE ALSO TALK ABOUT WAGE ENFORCEMENT AND THAT I WANT TO BE  
13 VERY CLEAR THAT WHILE THERE ARE MANY BUSINESSES THAT ARE DOING  
14 THE RIGHT THINGS, THERE ARE MANY BUSINESSES THAT DO NOT ADHERE  
15 TO OUR CURRENT LABOR LAWS. AND I FIND IT ABSURD THAT SO MANY  
16 LOW WAGE WORKERS HAVE THEIR WAGES STOLEN BY UNSCRUPULOUS  
17 BUSINESS OWNERS. SO I ALSO WANT TO MAKE MY INTENTIONS CLEAR  
18 THAT IN THE WEEKS TO COME, I WILL ALSO BE INTRODUCING A MOTION  
19 TO ENABLE A COMPREHENSIVE WAGE ENFORCEMENT BY THE COUNTY.

20

21 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** MR. MAYOR, IF I MAY, I COULD JUST THANK  
22 SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND KNABE. I THINK THE MOTION TO BE BROUGHT  
23 IN NEXT WEEK IS A VERY GOOD ADDITION IN CONSIDERATION FOR  
24 MINIMUM WAGE AND ALSO TO SIGNAL MY INTENTION TO WORK WITH YOU  
25 ABOUT THE WAGE ENFORCEMENT ISSUE. I THINK THERE'S AN

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1 OPPORTUNITY FOR COLLABORATION WITH THE CITY, ET CETERA. AND I  
2 GUESS I WOULD ALSO SAY THANKS TO THE WORKERS FOR SITTING  
3 THROUGH THIS WHEN I KNOW WHAT YOU WANT TO DO IS CELEBRATE YOUR  
4 VICTORY. SO CONGRATULATIONS.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ALSO, IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE  
7 STUDY BY THE L.A. E.D.C. WILL BE COMPLETED ON FRIDAY. SO I  
8 DON'T KNOW IF TUESDAY IS GOING TO BE TOO SOON IF THE REPORT'S  
9 JUST GOING TO BE RELEASED ON FRIDAY, TO HAVE FULL DISCLOSURE  
10 OR DISTRIBUTION TO THE COUNTY.

11

12 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** YOU KNOW, THOUGH, MR. MAYOR, THE DRAFT HAS  
13 BEEN UP ON OUR WEBSITE FOR QUITE A WHILE. THE ONLY THING  
14 THEY'RE ADDING, REALLY IS--

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I HAVEN'T READ THE DRAFT WHAT THEY'RE  
17 ADDING OR WHATEVER. I'M TALKING ABOUT THE PUBLIC WHO COME DOWN  
18 AND SIGN UP, OUR NORMAL THREE OR FOUR.

19

20 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** BUT I WOULD LIKE THE SPECIAL SETTING  
21 TUESDAY FOR THIS ITEM. THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ITEM NO. 53-B? WE HAVE JOHN GOODEN,  
24 GREG BARNETT, BATTA VUJICIC DANIEL FREDMAN. IF YOU COULD  
25 PLEASE LEAVE QUIETLY BECAUSE WE STILL HAVE MORE ITEMS ON THE



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1 AGENDA, AND PEOPLE HAVE COME LONG DISTANCES TO TESTIFY THIS  
2 MORNING, NOW THIS AFTERNOON. OKAY. YES, SIR.

3

4 **JOHN GOODEN:** MY NAME'S JOHN GOODEN. I'M A PROUD TAXPAYER AND A  
5 RESIDENT OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. I LIVE IN THE SANTA  
6 MONICA MOUNTAINS, AND I FARM MY LAND. FARMING HAS MANY  
7 CHALLENGES FROM MOTHER NATURE, BUT THEY PALE IN COMPARISON TO  
8 THE POLITICAL CHALLENGES THAT THE COUNTY'S SUPERVISORS  
9 PRESENT. THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL ACT PRIORITIZES AGRICULTURAL  
10 LAND USE OVER ALL OTHER FORMS OF LAND USE IN THE COASTAL ZONE.  
11 VINEYARDS ARE NOT AN EMINENT THREAT TO PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY  
12 AND WELFARE. THEY ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CURRENT  
13 CALIFORNIA DROUGHTS. VINEYARDS ARE MUCH MORE WATER EFFICIENT  
14 AND DROUGHT TOLERANT THAN OTHER FORMS OF AGRICULTURE, SUCH AS  
15 AVOCADOS AND CITRUS. WHY ARE THESE FORMS OF AGRICULTURE NOT  
16 BEING RESTRICTED? VINEYARDS ARE NOT A SOURCE OF CONCERN FOR  
17 WATER QUALITY ISSUES, ESPECIALLY WHEN PROPERLY MANAGED. THE  
18 USE OF PESTICIDES ARE HIGHLY REGULATED IN THE COUNTY BY THE  
19 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. ONLY LICENSED PROFESSIONALS ARE  
20 PERMITTED TO USE PESTICIDES. AND THEY ARE REQUIRED TO FILE  
21 MONTHLY REPORTS WITH THE COUNTY ON THE AMOUNTS AND LOCATIONS  
22 OF PESTICIDE USE. IF PROPERTY OWNERS AND TAXPAYERS OF DISTRICT  
23 3 ARE LEGALLY APPLYING FOR PERMITS TO INSTALL VINEYARDS ON  
24 THEIR PROPERTY, THEN THE COUNTY SHOULD CONSIDER THIS THROUGH  
25 THE NORMAL APPLICATION PROCESS. PLEASE ALLOW THE REGIONAL

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1 PLANNING DEPARTMENT TO DO THEIR OWN WORK. CONTRARY TO THE  
2 ANALYSIS REPORT PREPARED BY COUNTY COUNSEL MARK SALADINO,  
3 VINEYARDS ARE NOT AN IMMEDIATE THREAT TO PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY  
4 AND WELFARE; AND THE INTERIM ORDINANCE WILL DEPRIVE PROPERTY  
5 OWNERS OF THEIR LEGAL USE OF THEIR PROPERTY. THIS MATTER HAS  
6 ADDED TO TODAY'S AGENDA LATE FRIDAY AFTERNOON AFTER ALLOWING  
7 VERY LITTLE PUBLIC NOTICE. THE YES VOTE WILL MEAN YOU SUPPORT  
8 THIS TYPE OF BACK ROOM POLITICS THAT ALLOWS-- THAT CHALLENGES  
9 DUE PROCESS. I URGE YOU TO VOTE NO ON ITEM 53-B AND NOT  
10 DEPRIVE THE TAXPAYERS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY THEIR DUE PROCESS.  
11 THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. YES, SIR.

14

15 **GREG BARNETT:** YEAH, MY NAME IS GREG BARNETT. AND I LIVE IN  
16 WOODLAND HILLS AND I'M A LOCAL WINE PRODUCER OF MALIBU COAST  
17 WINES. I'VE ENJOYED THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS MY WHOLE LIFE.  
18 AND I'VE WELCOMED THE WHOLE WINE COUNTRY THAT HAS BEEN  
19 BLOSSOMING BEHIND OUR BACKYARD IN THE MOUNTAINS AND RECENTLY  
20 FOUND OUT ABOUT THIS NEW ORDINANCE. AND WE'RE PRETTY  
21 DISAPPOINTED. AND I JUST CAN'T BELIEVE THAT THIS IS GOING TO  
22 PUT A BAN ON ALL FUTURE VINEYARDS AS WELL AS ANY SORT OF  
23 VINEYARD EXPANSION, WHICH IS KIND OF DISTRESSING TO OUR  
24 FAMILIES. AND I URGE YOU TO VOTE NO AGAINST 53-B.

25

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. YES, SIR.

2

3    **DAN FREDMAN:** MY NAME IS DAN FREDMAN. I'VE LIVED IN MALIBU FOR  
4    17 YEARS. LAST PROBABLY FIVE YEARS MY GIRLFRIEND AND I HAD  
5    FARMED 140 VINES ON A SITE OVERLOOKING SOLSTICE CANYON, WHICH  
6    WAS THE SITE OF ONE OF THE EARLIEST VINEYARDS IN MALIBU BACK  
7    IN ABOUT THE MID 1800S. RECENTLY WE WERE GRANTED A T.T.B., THE  
8    MALIBU COAST A.V.A., WHICH IS AMERICAN VINICULTURAL AREA,  
9    RECOGNIZING THE UNIQUENESS OF WINE AND GRAPES BEING GROWN IN  
10   THE AREA. AND IRONICALLY THAT JUST PRECEDED BY THE FEW MONTHS  
11   THE CURRENT BAN OR LIMITATIONS ON WHAT WE'RE DOING. MY PROBLEM  
12   WITH THIS IS, IT'S KIND OF CONFUSING. IT SEEMS LINING WE'RE  
13   BEING TARGETED FOR VINES WHEREAS OTHER THINGS THAT MIGHT  
14   ACTUALLY LEAD TO MORE SIGNIFICANT DROUGHT REDUCTION ARE NOT  
15   EVEN BEING MENTIONED IN THIS. AGRICULTURE, HOUSING, HORSES,  
16   ALL OF THOSE THINGS USE SIGNIFICANTLY MORE WATER THAN GRAPES  
17   DO. AND THIS HAS BEEN A CONSISTENT THING. WE'VE BEEN SINGLED  
18   OUT. I'M NOT SURE WHY. I'D LIKE TO KNOW. I REALIZE IT'S  
19   DIFFICULT TO GET MUCH SYMPATHY FOR PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN MALIBU.  
20   WE'VE BEEN THIS MORNING HEARING ABOUT VALLEY FEVER, LIVING  
21   WAGE ISSUES, ALL OF THAT. BUT THE REALITY IS: MOST OF THE  
22   PEOPLE WHO ARE WORKING WITH FARMING, WE'RE OUT THERE DOING IT  
23   OURSELVES. WE'RE PRIVATE RESIDENCES IN MALIBU. IT'S A VERY  
24   SMALL AREA THAT'S BEING TALKED ABOUT HERE, EVEN WITH  
25   ADDITIONAL 500 ACRES, APPROXIMATELY. YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT

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1 182,000 ACRES IN THE MOUNTAINS. THE A.V.A. ITSELF IS 94,000  
2 ACRES. AND RIGHT NOW, ONLY 198 ACRES ARE PLANTED TO VINES.  
3 VINES ARE GREAT IN TERMS OF KEEPING HILLSIDE, ON THE HILLSIDE.  
4 THEY ARE PHENOMENAL FIRE BREAKS, PROBABLY THE BEST THING YOU  
5 COULD POSSIBLY USE. AND I URGE YOU TO VOTE NO AGAINST THIS.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. YES, SIR.

8

9 **BATTA VUJICIC:** HONORABLE MAYOR ANTONOVICH AND HONORABLE  
10 SUPERVISOR SHEILA AS WELL AS HONORABLE SUPERVISOR KNABE AND  
11 SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND GOOD AFTERNOON TO ALL OF YOU.

12

13 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THEY GET CALLED BY THEIR LAST NAMES BUT I  
14 GET CALLED BY MY FIRST NAME?

15

16 **BATTA VUJICIC:** VUJICIC. GOT TO BE SEMI FORMAL, I GUESS. I KIND  
17 OF FEEL UNEASY NOW BECAUSE ALL MY BACKING IS GONE. BUT IT IS  
18 GOOD TO BE HERE. MY NAME IS BATTA VUJICIC, AGAIN, AND WE LIVE  
19 IN SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS FOR THE LAST 33 YEARS. OUR FAMILY  
20 OWNS TWO PARCELS IN LOBO CANYON. A.P.L. NO. 2058, 1242 AND  
21 2052, 1262. ON 7/14 LAST YEAR, 7/14/14, WE OBTAINED APPROVAL  
22 AND PERMIT TO INSTALL VINEYARDS ON THE TWO PARCELS. A GENERAL  
23 PLAN HEARING ON MARCH 24, 2015 BOARD AND STAFF ASSURED ME THAT  
24 OUR TWO PARCELS ARE GRANDFATHERED IN AND THAT S.E.A. MAP THAT  
25 WAS ADOPTED ON THAT DAY WILL NOT IN ANY WAY INTERFERE WITH OUR

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1 APPROVAL TO PLANT VINEYARD NOR BUILD A HOME ON EACH PARCEL.  
2 THE BOARD'S ASSURANCE WAS FURTHER CONFIRMED IN WRITING BY  
3 STAFF AND MR. RICHARD BRUCKNER, OUR PLANNING DIRECTOR. TODAY  
4 AGAIN I'M SEEKING CONFIRMATION AND ASSURANCE THAT THESE  
5 PROPOSED ORDINANCES WILL NOT HINDER NOR INTERFERE IN ANY WAY  
6 WITH OUR APPROVED RIGHTS TO IMPLEMENT THE INSTALLATION OF  
7 VINEYARD AND THAT OUR TWO PARCELS ARE EXEMPT FROM PROPOSED  
8 MORATORIUM ORDINANCE. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ASK RICHARD, MR. VUJICIC, IS  
11 HIS PROJECT SAFE?

12

13 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** HE HAS A LAND USE APPROVAL, AND IF YOU HAVE  
14 AN APPROVAL, THAT IS SAFE. IF THERE WERE ANY OTHER LAND USE  
15 REQUIREMENTS OR PERMITS SOUGHT, THEN HE WOULD BE SUBJECT TO  
16 THIS. BUT THE APPROVALS HE HAS ARE SAFE.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. MR. LUCAS? BATTA?

19

20 **BATTA VUJICIC:** AM I GRANDFATHERED IN?

21

22 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** FOR THE PERMITS YOU HAVE, SIR.

23

24 **BATTA VUJICIC:** THANK YOU.

25

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DO VIDENJA.

2

3    **ROBERT LUCAS:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYBODY. ONCE AGAIN, I WAS A  
4    PART OF THIS WHEN MR. ANTONOVICH BROUGHT UP SOME ISSUES  
5    ORIGINALLY ABOUT THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS AND THESE  
6    WINERIES. AND LISTENING, BECAUSE I SPENT A LOT OF TIME UP ON  
7    THOSE HILLS ON FOOT BECAUSE BELIEVE IT OR NOT, I JUST LIKE  
8    WANDERING AROUND. AND FOR THE GREATER PURPOSE, SOME OF THESE  
9    FARMERS ARE NOT JUST HOME FARMERS. I MEAN, THE YOU WALK  
10    THROUGH A WINERY AND YOU CAN'T REACH THE END OF IT IN AN HOUR,  
11    THAT'S A LITTLE BIT MORE THAN A HOME FARM. I MEAN, TO BE  
12    RESTRICTED IN BEING ABLE TO DO WHAT YOU WANT WITH YOUR LAND, I  
13    THINK THAT WAS THE KEY ISSUE THAT MAYOR ANTONOVICH BROUGHT UP  
14    THAT CAUGHT MY ATTENTION WHEN THIS FIRST CAME UP. HOWEVER, TO  
15    RESTRICT SOMEBODY FROM DOING SOMETHING ON THEIR OWN PROPERTY  
16    FOR THEIR OWN PERSONAL USE OR THEIR FAMILY IS ONE THING. BUT  
17    TO INDUSTRIALIZE YOUR PROPERTY, WHAT KIND OF EFFECTS DOES IT  
18    HAVE ON THE ENVIRONMENT? AND I HEARD SOMEBODY MENTION  
19    SOMETHING ABOUT HORSES AND ANIMALS ARE TAKING UP MORE WATER  
20    THAN A WINERY. BUT WAIT A MINUTE. THOSE ARE LIVING CREATURES.  
21    THEY HAVE JUST AS MUCH RIGHT TO NOURISHMENT AS ANYBODY ELSE.  
22    THE FACT IS, IN THESE WINERIES AND GENERATING HOWEVER GOOD THE  
23    WINE MAY BE OR AS BIBLICAL AS IT HAS BEEN THROUGHOUT HISTORY,  
24    WHAT'S THE REAL REASON FOR THE EXPANSION OF SOME OF THESE  
25    WINERIES? IS IT CHANGING THE FLAVOR OF THE WINE? I DON'T THINK

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1 SO. I BELIEVE IT'S GOT TO DO WITH FINANCES. SO YOU WANT TO  
2 SACRIFICE THE EARTH, PUT MORE STRANGE GRAPES UP FOR YOUR OWN  
3 PERSONAL GAIN. JUST DEAL WITH WHAT YOU CAN. STOP BEING SO  
4 GREEDY.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YOU DO MORE WALKING AROUND MORE PARTS  
7 OF THIS COUNTY THAN I'VE EVER HAD AND I'VE BEEN BORN HERE AND  
8 RAISED HERE, TOO. [LAUGHTER.] THANK YOU, MR. LUCAS. SUPERVISOR  
9 KUEHL.

10

11 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. THE REASON THAT THIS  
12 QUESTION CAME UP IS BECAUSE QUITE RECENTLY, 12 NEW VINEYARDS  
13 HAVE BEEN APPROVED JUST IN THIS AREA. AND IF YOU TAKE A LONGER  
14 LOOK AT IT, 25 NEW VINEYARDS HAVE BEEN APPROVED. 16 MORE  
15 APPLICATIONS ARE PENDING FOR VINEYARDS. WE JUST ENACTED A  
16 WATER PLAN FOR OUR UNINCORPORATED AREAS ASKING EVERYBODY TO  
17 CUT BACK ON WATER. BUT IT'S THE WATER THAT THEY RECEIVE, IT'S  
18 THE WATER THAT THEY BUY. WHAT PEOPLE TAKE OUT OF THEIR OWN  
19 WELLS DIDN'T COUNT IN THAT. WE DIDN'T TELL THEM OH, YOU HAVE  
20 TO CUT BACK ON WHAT YOU TAKE. AND YET WHEN YOU STICK A DRAW IN  
21 THE GROUND, AS YOU DO WITH A WELL, YOU'RE NOT JUST DRAWING  
22 WATER FROM UNDER YOUR OWN PROPERTY, THEREFORE THERE IS AN  
23 IMPACT ON EVERYONE ELSE'S PROPERTY. WHAT WE SAW IN THE CENTRAL  
24 CALIFORNIA COAST WAS WITH THE GREAT PROLIFERATION OF  
25 VINEYARDS, IT'S ALSO A GREAT PLACE FOR GRAPES, THE WATER TABLE



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1 WENT DOWN SO LOW THAT SOME PEOPLE THAT HAD WELLS HAD TO DRILL  
2 THEM MORE DEEPLY BECAUSE THE BOTTOM OF THEIR WELL WAS NO  
3 LONGER RECEIVING ANY WATER BECAUSE THE WATER TABLE HAD GONE  
4 DOWN. THIS IS NOT A PERMANENT BAR. WHAT WE'RE ASKING IS AN  
5 INTERIM URGENCY ORDINANCE TEMPORARILY PROHIBITING THE  
6 ESTABLISHMENT OR EXPANSION OF VINEYARDS AS A PRIMARY OR  
7 ACCESSORY USE IN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS NORTH AREA ONLY.  
8 AND WE'LL SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR OUR PUBLIC HEARING TIME IN  
9 JULY TO RE-VISIT THIS. BUT I THINK IT IS URGENT. NO, VINEYARDS  
10 DID NOT CAUSE THE DROUGHT. I DIDN'T CAUSE THE DROUGHT, EITHER,  
11 BY USING TOO MUCH WATER. BUT THE POINT IS: THE AGGREGATE OF  
12 EVERYBODY'S ACTIONS IS CONTRIBUTING OR HELPING. SO I ASK YOUR  
13 AYE VOTE ON THIS INTERIM ORDINANCE WHILE WE EXPLORE SOMETHING  
14 THAT WILL KEEP US FROM PERHAPS MAKING A VERY GRAVE MISTAKE IN  
15 THIS AREA.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** RICHARD, DO YOU WANT TO MAKE SOME  
18 COMMENTS?

19

20 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** YES, I JUST UNDERSCORE WHAT THE SUPERVISOR  
21 SAID. THIS IS AN INTERIM. IT GIVES US A CHANCE TO WORK WITH  
22 COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND TO COME BACK IN A PUBLIC HEARING AND PUT  
23 IN PLACE PERHAPS A DISCRETIONARY PROCESS RIGHT NOW. VINEYARDS  
24 ARE MINISTERIAL. SO THEY COME TO OUR COUNTER. WE SIMPLY SIGN  
25 OFF ON THEM AND THEY MOVE FORWARD. THIS WOULD GIVE US A CHANCE

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1 TO THINK OF A MORE THOUGHTFUL APPROACH TO MAYBE PERHAPS SOME  
2 CONDITIONS FOR THE VINEYARDS, PERHAPS LOOK AT THE WATER AND  
3 CERTAINLY LOOK AT WATER QUALITY COMING OFF OF THE VINEYARDS.  
4 SO IT WOULD BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK AT PERHAPS SOME  
5 CONDITIONS THAT MAY BE APPLICABLE TO VINEYARDS IN THE FUTURE.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. IS THERE A  
8 SECOND? CALL THE ROLL.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AYE.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AYE.

13

14 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** AYE.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** AYE.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NO. ITEM 53-A, SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. I'LL BE BRIEF. THIS IS  
21 JUST ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF A HOLIDAY THAT ALL OF US CELEBRATE HERE  
22 IN OUR GREAT COUNTRY AND THAT'S FATHER'S DAY WHICH WILL BE  
23 COMING UP ON SUNDAY. THE MOTION ACKNOWLEDGES THE CONTRIBUTIONS  
24 OF DEDICATED FATHERS THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY. WE KNOW THAT  
25 FATHERHOOD IS NOT AN EASY TASK, AND OUR DADS SERVE US IN SO

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1 MANY WAYS AS ROLE MODELS, AS TEACHERS, AS COACHES AND EVEN  
2 BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS. THEY HELP TO INFLUENCE US AND SET AN  
3 EXAMPLE THROUGH THEIR CARING AND INTROSPECTION AND  
4 RESPONSIBILITY. THEREFORE, TODAY AS WE HONOR THE MEN OF LOS  
5 ANGELES COUNTY WHO ARE ACTIVE IN THE LIVES OF CHILDREN, I'D  
6 ALSO LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ALSO BRING GREATER AWARENESS TO THOSE  
7 YOUNG CHILDREN THAT MAY NOT HAVE A FATHER FIGURE AND MAY NOT  
8 HAVE THE BENEFITS OF SOME OF US HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SHARE WITH  
9 OUR OWN LIVES, IN OUR OWN LIVES. SO TODAY I'D JUST LIKE TO  
10 REAFFIRM OUR COMMITMENT ON BEHALF OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY IN  
11 SUPPORTING OTHER INITIATIVES LIKE MY BROTHER'S KEEPER, WHICH  
12 WOULD ASSIST ALL CHILDREN TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL  
13 WHETHER OR NOT THEY HAVE A BIOLOGICAL OR ADOPTED FATHER OR A  
14 CARING FOSTER PARENT. SO I WOULD JUST LIKE TO REQUEST SUPPORT  
15 FOR THIS MOTION.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.  
18 OKAY. ITEM-- MR. OH, EXCUSE ME. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS,  
19 SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION TO RECONSIDER THAT ITEM. WE HAVE  
20 HECTOR PEREZ-PACHECO AND ROBERT LUCAS. AND ARNOLD SACHS.

21

22 **ROBERT LUCAS:** GOOD AFTERNOON ONCE AGAIN. YOU KNOW THIS  
23 FATHER'S DAY THING AND THE MENTORS FOR THESE SINGLE PARENT  
24 FAMILIES, I CAN'T EMPHASIZE TO YOU HOW IMPORTANT IT IS FOR A  
25 LOT OF PEOPLE THAT WE DON'T EVEN KNOW. I'VE WORKED WITH AND

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1 BEEN AROUND SOME OF THESE KIDS THAT FIND AND SEEK OUT ROLE  
2 MODELS THAT ARE NOT SO GOOD. THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS I WAS  
3 ONE OF THOSE KIDS. I WAS IN A SINGLE PARENT FAMILY. SO, SOME  
4 OF THE RESOURCES AND THINGS THAT CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE TO HELP  
5 GUIDE THESE KIDS BEFORE THEY ACQUIRE SOME ILL BEGOTTEN HEROES,  
6 I CAN TELL YOU THE INFLUENCE THAT IT MADE ON ME. AND IT'S LIKE  
7 A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT COME AND SPEAK IN THESE MEETINGS, THERE'S  
8 NOT A LOT OF LOVE IN THEIR LIFE. AND I JUST WONDER WHERE THAT  
9 CAME FROM.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** GOOD OBSERVATION. MR. SACHS?

12

13 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. ARNOLD SACHS. AND I AM ACTUALLY  
14 ASTOUNDED THAT YOU WOULD BE SO SEXIST, MISS SOLIS. THERE WAS A  
15 MEETING YOU SHOULD HAVE ACTUALLY DONE YOUR HISTORY ON THIS,  
16 BACK IN THE DAY LAST YEAR. YOUR PREDECESSOR ACCUSED ME OF  
17 BEING SEXIST. I MADE A COMMENT THAT SHE WAS VERY UPSET ABOUT  
18 SOME INFORMATION REGARDING MAX HUNTSMAN BEING ABLE TO GET  
19 INFORMATION FROM COUNTY COUNSEL. I DIDN'T GET A CHANCE TO  
20 SPEAK AT THAT MEETING, BUT THE FOLLOWING WEEK WHEN I CAME  
21 BACK, I MENTIONED THAT MISS MOLINA HAD A BEE IN HER BONNET.  
22 AND SHE OBJECTED TO MY CHOICE OF WORDS AS BEING SEXIST BECAUSE  
23 SHE HADN'T HEARD OF ANY MEN WHO WORE BONNETS. SHE WAS UNSURE  
24 OF THAT EVER OCCURRING.

25

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SHE HADN'T BEEN READING THE NEWSPAPERS  
2    LATELY.

3

4    **ARNOLD SACHS:** I MENTIONED TO HER THAT I DON'T KNOW. HAVE YOU  
5    BEEN TO SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD OR SAN FRANCISCO? SO YOUR  
6    CHOICE HERE OF HONORING THE MEN IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY WHO ARE  
7    ACTIVE IN THE LIVES OF THEIR CHILDREN DOESN'T REFER TO ANY  
8    WOMEN WHO ARE MARRIED IN COUPLES AND TAKE ON THE ROLE OF THE  
9    FATHER THERE. STEPPING UP FOR MISS MOLINA'S SEXIST REMARKS, I  
10    THINK YOU SHOULD INCLUDE MEN AND WOMEN WHO ACT AS PARENTS  
11    GENERALLY AND TAKE ON THE ROLE AS FATHER, OKAY? BECAUSE YOU  
12    JUST ARE, AS I SAY HERE, BEING VERY SEXIST IN YOUR REMARKS  
13    HERE AND ONLY PREFACING MEN. THERE ARE WOMEN WHO ARE MARRYING  
14    OTHER WOMEN AND TAKING ON THE ROLE OF FATHERS. AND THEY SHOULD  
15    BE INCLUDED IN YOUR PROCLAMATION FOR FATHER'S DAY. THANK YOU.  
16    AND THANK YOU, MISS MOLINA.

17

18    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. OKAY.  
19    MR. LUCAS, 31, 46, 48. MR. PREVEN, 1-P, 3, 15, 16, 25, 29, 30,  
20    31, 40, 43, 47, 53-C, 53-E, C.S.-2, C.S.-3. ARNOLD SACHS, 1-P,  
21    1, 3, 9, 20, 25, 31, 41. 53-A WE JUST DID. DR. GENEVIEVE  
22    CLAVREUL 1-D, 6, 9, 25, 27, 29. EXCUSE ME, ALSO MR. CLAYTON.  
23    MR. PREVEN START OVER AGAIN.

24

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1   **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT'S ERIC PREVEN COUNTY RESIDENT FROM  
2   DISTRICT 3. I'LL JUST MAKE A QUICK COMMENT ABOUT SEXISM  
3   BECAUSE THERE'S A C.E.O. APPROVAL ITEM ON YOUR BOARD  
4   CORRESPONDENCE WHERE APPARENTLY MIRIAM KRINSKY, THE FORMER  
5   C.C.J.V. WOMAN IS MAKING \$238,000 TO CONSULT WITH THE C.E.O.  
6   AND THE SHERIFF, WHICH OF COURSE, IS A NICE WAGE, BUT RICHARD  
7   DROOYAN WHO ALSO CONSULTED FOR HER ON A NUMBER DOES NOT HAVE  
8   TO DISCLOSE HIS SALARY AND THAT IS EX SEXIST, SIR. TODAY C.S.-  
9   2 IS A CLOSED SESSION ITEM. I DO HAVE SOME QUESTIONS FOR  
10  WEISS. ARE WE MAKING AUDIO RECORDINGS, A VERY SPECIFIC  
11  QUESTION, OF CLOSED SESSION MEETINGS? THAT IS SOMETHING THAT  
12  CAME UP WITH THE D.A. WE WANT TO KNOW THE ANSWER. ITEM C.S.-3,  
13  ANOTHER CLOSED SESSION, HAS TO DO WITH EXCESSIVE FORCE ISSUES,  
14  WE WANT TO KNOW IS THE USE OF FORCE POLICY MANUAL IN ONE  
15  DOCUMENT AVAILABLE WITH PAGINATION SO THAT WE CAN MAKE  
16  CITATIONS ON IT? ITEM 15 I'D LIKE TO THANK THE C.E.O. WHO IS  
17  NOT HERE FOR RAISING THE ISSUE WITH AMERICAN GOLF CORPORATION  
18  WHO HAD BEEN CHARGING THE D.C.F.S. \$2,000 A MONTH FOR PARKING  
19  FOR THE NEXT 13 MONTHS, THE REMAINDER OF THE CONTRACT THAT  
20  WILL NOT BE HAPPENING AND THAT WILL BE PARKING GRATIS, AND  
21  THAT'S APPROPRIATE, SO THANK YOU TO THE C.E.O. FOR DOING THAT.  
22  ITEM 28, 29, 30 AND 47, LET'S THANK THE GREAT TROJAN MARK  
23  RIDLEY-THOMAS. THESE ARE ALL U.S.C.-RELATED ITEMS ONE OF WHICH  
24  IS \$138 MILLION, OF COURSE, APPROPRIATELY FOR THE U.S.C.  
25  MEDICAL CENTER GROUP. BUT ONE VERY INTERESTING DETAIL IS THAT

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1 AMONG THOSE HUGE MILLIONS, MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR NUMBERS WAS AN  
2 \$8500 PACEMAKER SURVEILLANCE UPTICK. SO VERY, VERY INTERESTING  
3 ON THAT. ITEM 22 IS VANIR, OUR OTHER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, WHO  
4 LAST WEEK WE HEARD 6 MILLION TO AECOM TO DATE. VANIR IS TAKING  
5 \$20 PLUS MILLION FOR WHAT SEEMS TO BE THE REFURBISHMENT OF  
6 DEFERRED MAINTENANCE ISSUES THAT AECOM HAD BEEN DOING. FOR THE  
7 RECORD AECOM HAS TAKEN SUBSTANTIALLY MORE THAN \$6 MILLION OVER  
8 THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS, AS ANYONE CAN TELL. ITEM NO. 40 IS AN  
9 INTERESTING ITEM HAS TO DO WITH PUBLIC WORKS TRANSCORPS I.T.S.  
10 L.L.C. THIS IS A GROUP THAT HAS BEEN TAKING 500 GRAND A YEAR  
11 SINCE 2005. I THINK IT'S POSSIBLE THAT IT'S OUTDATED. I KNOW  
12 THIS IS ONLY EXTENDED FOR A PERIOD OF TIME NO ADDITIONAL. I  
13 DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT IT'S FOR. AND, SIR, ITEM NO. 31 IS OF  
14 COURSE PUBLIC HEALTH ADDICTION ISSUES OR TREATING SUBSTANCE  
15 ABUSE ISSUES. I ASKED AND I HOPE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
16 LOOK CLOSELY. THERE WAS AN ANDERSON COOPER 360 PIECE ABOUT  
17 FRAUD IN OUR VERY MIDST AND IN OUR VERY COUNTY IN THESE VERY  
18 PROGRAMS. SO I JUST HOPE THAT WE HAVE DONE OUR DILIGENCE ON  
19 THAT AND ARE MOVING FORWARD APPROPRIATELY. AND LASTLY AND THIS  
20 WILL BE MY CLOSER, ITEM 20, MR. BERGHOFF IS A GREAT LOBBYIST  
21 WHO HAS BEEN LOBBYING EVERYWHERE HE CAN. HE'S SORT OF THE  
22 ENGLANDER KNABE AND ALLEN ADJUNCT GUY. AND THIS GUY HAS CLOSED  
23 THAT ORACLE DEAL FOR THE ASSESSOR. SO LET'S JUST SAY MAZEL TOV  
24 TO MR. BERGHOFF ON THAT. IT'S A VERY BIG DEAL. IT'S GOING TO



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1 UPGRADE OUR SYSTEM AND I ASSUME THAT EVERYBODY OVER THERE IS  
2 VERY, VERY HAPPY. SO THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. LUCAS?

5

6 **SROBERT LUCAS:** GOOD AFTERNOON ONCE AGAIN. YOU KNOW THERE ARE  
7 SO MANY ITEMS HERE, BUT THE ONE THAT REALLY STOOD OUT TO ME  
8 WAS THIS HEALTH RIGHT ISSUE BECAUSE I'LL GIVE YOU SOME  
9 EXPERIENCES WITH THIS. I WAS REFERRED OUT TO SOBER LIVING OUT  
10 IN WEST L.A. WHEN I BROUGHT IT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE PEOPLE  
11 WHO WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS HOUSING, THAT THERE WAS SOME  
12 LESS-THAN-ACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR GOING ON THAT WOULD IMPACT HOW  
13 THE NEIGHBORS PERCEIVED WHAT WAS GOING ON IN THAT HOUSE, AND  
14 WHAT I MEAN BY THAT IS PEOPLE TRYING TO GET ON THEIR FEET.  
15 HEALTHRIGHT 360, JENNIFER PRANZER IN PARTICULAR, WHEN I  
16 BROUGHT IT TO HER ATTENTION TRIED TO HAVE ME ARRESTED. THE  
17 FACT. MATTER IS THE PERSON THAT I WAS BRINGING THIS ATTENTION  
18 TO ENDED UP GETTING ARRESTED TWO WEEKS LATER FOR RESIDENTIAL  
19 BURGLARY AFTER I HAD BEEN KICKED OUT OF THE HOUSE. THERE WAS  
20 ANOTHER ISSUE WHERE SHE HAD SENT SOME MENTAL HEALTH ISSUE  
21 PATIENTS OVER TO THIS SOBER LIVING IN WEST L.A. OFF OF  
22 FAIRFAX. AND THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS THERE WERE SOME PEOPLE  
23 THAT WERE JUST TRANSITIONING OUT OF PRISON LIVING IN THE SAME  
24 HOUSE, A BEAUTIFUL HOUSE, WITH PEOPLE WITH VERY UNSTABLE  
25 MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES WHO DECIDED TO SELF-ADJUST THEIR

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1 MEDICATION. WHEN I BROUGHT IT TO HEALTHRIGHT 360'S ATTENTION,  
2 JENNIFER PRANZER AND WALTER TAYLOR WHO WAS THE DIRECTOR OVER  
3 THERE, THEY IMMEDIATELY YANKED MY FUNDING. I WAS BEING  
4 DISRUPTIVE, WHEN ALL I WAS DOING WAS, WHO WAS ASSESSING THE  
5 PERSONALITIES OF THE PEOPLE GOING TO THIS SOBER LIVING? YOU  
6 GOT A GUY THAT SELF-ADJUSTS HIS PSYCHOTROPIC MEDICATION. YOU  
7 GOT PEOPLE JUST COMING OUT OF PRISON WHO DON'T KNOW HOW TO  
8 DEAL IN ANY WAY, SHAPE OR FORM WITH PEOPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH  
9 ISSUES. SO HEALTH RIGHT 360 IS ASKING FOR SOME TYPE OF  
10 RECOMMENDATION? I SURELY HOPE THAT THAT'S NOT THE ONLY PLACE  
11 THAT IS COMING UP WITH SOME TYPE OF A SOLUTION BECAUSE MY  
12 EXPERIENCE WITH THEM, AS GRATEFUL AS I WAS FOR THE FUNDING  
13 THAT CAME THROUGH A.B.109, THE PEOPLE OVER THERE ARE VERY  
14 INCOMPETENT.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHICH DEPARTMENT WAS THAT?

17

18 **ROBERT LUCAS:** HEALTHRIGHT 360 ON 22ND THAT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR  
19 THE FUNDING FOR THE TRANSITIONAL LIVING FROM COUNTY JAIL INTO  
20 THE COMMUNITY. THE PEOPLE ARE VERY IRRESPONSIBLE AND SOME OF  
21 THEM ARE MY PEERS THAT I KNOW PERSONALLY.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MR. LUCAS.

24

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1   **ALAN CLAYTON:** THANK YOU, MAYOR ANTONOVICH. MY NAME IS ALAN  
2   CLAYTON. I'M HERE TO SPEAK IN OPPOSITION TO SUPERVISOR KNABE'S  
3   MOTION TO OPPOSE THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 8. IN THE PAST,  
4   THIS ISSUE'S COME UP BEFORE THE BOARD BEFORE IN 2002, IT WAS  
5   ON THE BALLOT. THE EXPANSION WAS FOR 9 AND THERE WAS NO COST  
6   CONTAINMENT AND THE ARGUMENTS AGAINST IT THERE WAS NO COST  
7   CONTAINMENT AND TOO MANY BOARD MEMBERS. THE REPORT, THOUGH, IS  
8   STRONG IN TERMS OF MINORITY ELECTED OFFICIALS. SUPERVISOR  
9   BURKE SUPPORTED IT. SUPERVISOR MOLINA SUPPORTED IT. COUNCILMAN  
10   WESSON SUPPORTED IT. MAJORITY LEADER MARCO FARBAUGH, THE CHAIR  
11   OF THE LATINO CAUCUS, SUPPORTED IT. RICHARD POLANCO AND GLORIA  
12   MOLINA SUPPORTED IT, AS SHE HAD DONE BACK IN 1992. IT FAILED,  
13   BUT IT WAS NOT THE 7 BOARD MEMBERS, IT WAS FOR 9 BOARD MEMBERS  
14   AND THERE WAS NO COST CONTAINMENT. SO IT'S BEEN UP BEFORE.  
15   IT'S HAD STRONG SUPPORT FROM MINORITY ELECTED OFFICIALS IN THE  
16   LAST TIME AND IN THE PREVIOUS TIME. BUT THERE'S CONCERNS I  
17   HAVE, IF YOU DON'T EXPAND THE BOARD WHAT COULD POTENTIALLY  
18   HAPPEN AND I'LL WALK YOU THROUGH SOME OF THE PARTICULAR  
19   PROBLEMS THAT I PERCEIVE BASED ON LOOKING AT THE DATA. I'VE  
20   BEEN INVOLVED IN REDISTRICTING HERE SINCE THE '80S. AS MIKE  
21   ANTONOVICH HAS SEEN ME HERE SINCE THE '80S ON REDISTRICTING.  
22   AND THE ISSUES WHEN YOU LOOK AT IT ARE WHAT ARE THE UNINTENDED  
23   CONSEQUENCES OF REDISTRICTING? ONE OF THE PROBLEMS WHEN YOU DO  
24   REDISTRICTING, WHEN YOU PACK LATINOS INTO ONE DISTRICT,  
25   THERE'S VERY FEW PLACES TO GO TO RUN FOR OFFICE AND THEY DON'T

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1 RUN IN THE OTHER DISTRICTS. OR IF THEY RUN, THEY'RE BASICALLY  
2 NOT THE TOP TIER CANDIDATES IN TERMS OF ELECTED OFFICIALS,  
3 USUALLY. SO WHAT YOU'VE DONE HERE IS YOU PACKED LATINOS INTO  
4 HILDA SOLIS'S DISTRICT SO THE SECOND HIGHEST DISTRICT IN TERMS  
5 OF LATINO REPRESENTATINO IS DISTRICT 2 AND YOU'RE PROBABLY  
6 GOING TO HAVE HERE IS DISTRICT 2 IS DECLINING AFRICAN-  
7 AMERICAN, INCREASING LATINOS.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** CAN YOU WRAP IT UP.

10

11 **ALAN CLAYTON:** YEAH, I'LL BE ONE SECOND. AND I PREDICT THAT BY  
12 2020, BASED ON MY ANALYSIS LOOKING AT THE DATA TRENDS, LATINOS  
13 WILL BE THE LARGEST GROUP IN TERMS OF VOTERS IN DISTRICT 2 AND  
14 THERE WILL BE A FIGHT OVER DISTRICT 2 JUST LIKE THERE WAS A  
15 FIGHT OVER DISTRICT 9. THAT'S VERY UNFORTUNATE AND HOPEFULLY  
16 YOU WILL VOTE AGAINST THIS MOTION. I APPRECIATE IT VERY MUCH.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MR. SACHS?

19

20 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS. I DID HOLD  
21 SEVERAL ITEMS. I HELD 1-D. SEVERAL MONTHS AGO YOU HAD A BIG  
22 UPROAR OVER EXCLUSIVE NEGOTIATIONS WITH 1776 SATURN L.L.C. AND  
23 PART OF THE PROCESS WAS THAT YOU WERE GOING TO COME BACK WITH  
24 NEW RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR EXCLUSIVE NEGOTIATIONS. DID THEY  
25 EVER COME BACK WITH NEW EXCLUSIVE RULES FOR NEGOTIATION?

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1 BECAUSE NOW YOU'RE DOING EXCLUSIVE NEGOTIATION WITH TRAMMELL  
2 CREW CORPORATION, ANOTHER ENTITY IN OVER THE SECOND DISTRICT.  
3 NO WONDER. I HELD 1-P. THAT FUNDING, IT'S ACTUALLY THREE  
4 ITEMS. \$15.8 MILLION IN 2015/'16 EXCESS FUNDS OF WHICH 3.2 IS  
5 FOR ADMINISTRATION. THAT'S ALMOST 20 PERCENT FOR  
6 ADMINISTRATION FEES. THAT'S FROM PROP 1996, THE SAFE  
7 NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS. THEN YOU'RE GOING TO REALLOCATE \$92  
8 MILLION OF ROLLOVER FUNDING. THAT DOESN'T SAY WHICH  
9 PROPOSITION THAT'S FROM. IT'S FROM 1996 OR WAS IT 1992 PARKS  
10 PROP BECAUSE ITEM NO. 3 OF THE SAME ITEM, PART 3, REFERS TO  
11 PROP 1992 FUNDS. SO YOU'RE GETTING AROUND, LIKE BROWN ACT  
12 OBLIGATIONS, BY COMBINING ALL OF THIS. BUT WHAT'S REALLY COOL  
13 IS THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS, THIS IS YOUR F.A.Q. SHEET FROM  
14 PROP P. INCLUDES GANG PREVENTION, YOUTH-SENIOR AND RECREATION,  
15 BEACHES AND WILDLIFE PROTECTION. IT'S A MEASURE YOU WANT TO  
16 PUT ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT. AND IT DOESN'T MENTION ANYTHING  
17 ABOUT THAT IN THIS ITEM ON YOUR AGENDA. BUT IT DOES MENTION  
18 REALLOCATING \$92 MILLION. HOW DO YOU REALLOCATE \$92 MILLION  
19 WHEN YOU HAVE THESE OTHER ITEMS ON THIS CATEGORY?

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. PUBLIC COMMENT? THANK YOU.  
22 WATCH AND YOU'LL SEE.

23

24 **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** THANK YOU. THE FOLLOWING  
25 ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU. 1-D, 1-P, 1, 3, 6. ON ITEM NO. 9,

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1 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS WILL ABSTAIN  
2 FROM THE VOTE. ITEM 15, 16, 25, 27, 29, 30, 31, 40, 41, 43,  
3 46, 47. ON ITEM 48, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS WILL ABSTAIN FROM  
4 THE VOTE. ITEM 53-B, 53-C AND 53-E, THOSE ITEMS ARE BEFORE  
5 YOU.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I'LL MOVE IT. SECOND IT? WITHOUT  
8 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. OKAY. PUBLIC COMMENT? NO. EXCUSE ME,  
9 EXCUSE ME. WE GO TO THE FIRST DISTRICT WITH ADJOURNMENT  
10 MOTIONS? SECOND DISTRICT ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS? MARK?  
11 ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS? NO, SHE DOESN'T HAVE ANY.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** DR. RONALD BARRETT BORN AUGUST 17, 1948 IN  
14 BROOKLYN, NEW YORK. HE PASSED ON MAY 31 AT THE AGE OF 66. HE  
15 EARNED A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE FROM MORGAN STATE, A  
16 MASTER'S DEGREE AND A DOCTORATE FROM UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH.  
17 HE WAS A PROFESSOR OF PSYCHOLOGY AT LOYOLA MARYMOUNT  
18 UNIVERSITY FOR 36 YEARS AND SPECIALIZED IN SEVERAL AREAS,  
19 INCLUDING AFRICAN-AMERICAN DEATH AND DYING ISSUES AND HE WAS  
20 KNOWN FOR HIS EXPERTISE ON URBAN YOUTH IN TERMS OF THE  
21 EPIDEMIC OF VIOLENCE. DURING HIS 36 YEARS AT LOYOLA, HE SERVED  
22 AS CHAIR OF BOTH THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN STUDIES DEPARTMENT AND  
23 THE PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT. HE'S BEEN A CONSULTANT FOR THE OPEN  
24 SOCIETY INSTITUTE AND THE LOS ANGELES AND PHILADELPHIA COUNTY  
25 CORONER'S OFFICE. DR. BARRETT WROTE SEVERAL SCHOLARLY

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1 ARTICLES, INCLUDING DEATH AND DYING AND THE BLACK EXPERIENCE  
2 AND ADOLESCENCE, HOMICIDAL VIOLENCE AND DEATH, JUST TO NAME A  
3 FEW. HE WAS THE FOUNDER AND THE PROJECT DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED  
4 METHODIST JUNIOR BASKETBALL LEAGUE, A DIVERSION PROGRAM FOR  
5 INNER CITY YOUTH WHICH RECEIVED NUMEROUS AWARDS. HE WAS THE  
6 DEDICATED TO THE RESEARCH AND DESIGN OF GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS  
7 AND TREATMENT FOR TRAUMATIC LOSS IN YOUNGER CHILDREN. HE WILL  
8 BE REMEMBERED AS A PIONEERING SCHOLAR, ADVOCATE FOR THE YOUTH  
9 AND WELL RESPECTED RESEARCHER AND AUTHOR. HE IS SURVIVED BY  
10 HIS BROTHER, NATHANIEL AND MANY FRIENDS, COLLEAGUES, STUDENTS,  
11 ALL OF WHOM WILL MISS HIM DEARLY. DR. RONALD BARRETT. I'D ASK  
12 THAT YOU JOIN ME IN MEMORY OF EDNA ANDERSON OWENS. MRS. OWENS  
13 PASSED ON JUNE 6TH. SHE WAS ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO BERRY  
14 GORDY, FOUNDER OF MOTOWN RECORDS, AN ICONIC AMERICAN RECORD  
15 LABEL AND ROSE TO SERVE AS CO-CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE  
16 GORDY COMPANY SINCE THE YEAR OF 2005. SHE ALSO WORKED AT  
17 SEVERAL MOTOWN MUSIC AND MEDIA COMPANIES, INCLUDING WEST GRAND  
18 MEDIA AND JOBETE MUSIC COMPANY. SHE WAS ALSO A DIRECTOR OF THE  
19 CALIFORNIA SCIENCE CENTER AND A TRUSTEE OF THE CALIFORNIA  
20 SCIENCE CENTER FOUNDATION. EDNA ANDERSON OWENS, YOU WILL  
21 REMEMBER HER MOST RECENTLY, IF YOU HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE  
22 MOTOWN, THE MUSICAL. SHE WAS ONE OF THE ACTIVISTS WHO IN  
23 DETROIT SOUGHT TO GET THE ATTENTION OF THOSE WHO WERE THOUGHT  
24 TO BE SOMEWHAT IN THE ESTABLISHMENT AND TRIED TO BRING THEM  
25 CLOSER TO THE BUSINESS OF ACTIVISM. SHE GOT THE ATTENTION OF



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1 BERRY GORDY AND SAID: YOU KNOW, YOU NEED TO RESPECT WHAT'S  
2 GOING ON OUT HERE IN DETROIT. SHE LATER BECAME ALL OF WHAT WE  
3 KNOW IS HIS RIGHT-HAND PERSON IN MANY CIVIC AND COMMUNITY  
4 AFFAIRS. SHE IS SURVIVED BY MANY FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS  
5 AND A PARTICULAR ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO HER HUSBAND CURTIS. SHE  
6 WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HER COMMITMENT, BUSINESS ACUMEN,  
7 ADVANCING THE CIVIL RIGHTS THROUGH MUSIC. PLEASE JOIN ME IN  
8 REMEMBERING AND ADJOURNING IN THE NAME OF INGRID ROBERTS. BORN  
9 SEPTEMBER 10, 1967 IN SAN FRANCISCO AND PASSED ON JUNE THE 8TH  
10 AT THE AGE OF 47. SHE RELOCATED HERE WITH HER FAMILY IN 1970.  
11 AND AS A YOUNG MOTHER, SHE EARNED A BACHELOR'S OF ARTS DEGREE  
12 AND A MASTER'S OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION FROM LOYOLA  
13 MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY. SHE WORKED WITH SEVERAL PRESTIGIOUS  
14 COMPANIES, INCLUDING THE WALT DISNEY COMPANY, TIME WARNER,  
15 A.M.C. ENTERTAINMENT AND BECAME A FOUNDING PRINCIPAL AT FIRST  
16 PICKS MANAGEMENT WHERE SHE SERVED AS THE MANAGING DIRECTOR.  
17 MISS ROBERTS WAS A PASSIONATE PHILANTHROPIC PERSONALITY AND  
18 SERVED AS THE VOCATIONAL CHAIR FOR THE GENESSEE CENTER WHERE  
19 SHE INSPIRED WOMEN TO BECOME SELF-SUFFICIENT. IN THE YEAR 2012  
20 SHE WAS AWARDED THE GENESSEE SILVER ROSE WARD FOR HER  
21 LEADERSHIP AND WORK. THAT IS IN 2014, THE INGRID ROBERTS  
22 CHARITABLE FUND WAS ESTABLISHED IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE  
23 UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO'S CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL TO ASSIST  
24 CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WITH QUALITY CARE THAT COULD OTHERWISE  
25 NOT BE AFFORDED. SHE WILL BE REMEMBERED AS AN INSPIRATIONAL

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1 PRESENCE, ADVOCATE FOR THE VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. AND  
2 SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER SON ANTHONY, HER PARENTS, LINDA AND  
3 HERBERT, SISTERS JULIA AND ANDREA, HER BROTHER DAVID, HER  
4 GRANDCHILDREN, LAYLA, ISABELLA AND XAVIER AND HOST OF FAMILY  
5 MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WHO WILL MISS HER DEARLY. FINALLY MR.  
6 MAYOR AND COLLEAGUES, I'D ASK YOU TO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF  
7 INELL VIRGINIA WOODS. BORN ON DECEMBER 9, 1920 IN SMITH  
8 COUNTY, TEXAS AND PASSED ON JUNE 6TH AT THE AGE OF 93. 1941  
9 SHE MARRIED ROBERT WOODS AND WORKED AS A SHARECROPPER IN  
10 TEXAS. THEN IN 1965, SHE RELOCATED TO LOS ANGELES WHERE SHE  
11 BECAME THE AREA DIRECTOR OF THE AFFILIATED COMMITTEES ON AGING  
12 UNTIL SHE RETIRED IN 2010. MS. WOODS WAS INVOLVED IN A VARIETY  
13 OF SENIOR PROGRAMS AND SERVED IN MANY LEADERSHIP POSITIONS AND  
14 COMMUNITY GROUPS, INCLUDING THE LOS ANGELES AREA AGENCY ON  
15 AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR SOME 20 YEARS. SHE WAS ALSO ON THE  
16 BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS IN SOUTHEAST  
17 NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL AND CHAIRPERSON FOR THE GREEN MEADOWS  
18 PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE. SHE COMPLETED THE SOUTHEAST AREA AND  
19 OPERATIONS SOUTH BUREAU POLICE ACADEMIES AND SERVED ON THE LOS  
20 ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT'S ADVISORY BOARD. MS. WOODS RECEIVED  
21 MANY AWARDS AND COMMENDATIONS AND APPROXIMATELY ONE MONTH AGO  
22 ON MAY 17TH SHE WAS HONORED BY COUNCILMEMBER CURREN PRICE AS  
23 ONE OF THE SHEROES OF THE NEW NINTH DISTRICT IN THE CITY OF  
24 LOS ANGELES. SHE WAS A MEMBER OF THE HAMILTON UNITED METHODIST  
25 CHURCH. SHE WILL BE REMEMBERED AS AN ADVOCATE FOR SENIORS

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1 THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY. MS. WOODS IS SURVIVED BY HER  
2 THREE CHILDREN: ROBERT, JR., JIMMIE WOODS-GRAY WHO MANY OF US  
3 KNOW, AND JERLDINE. FIVE GRANDCHILDREN, 11 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN  
4 AND TWO GREAT GREAT GRANDCHILDREN AND A HOST OF MEMBERS OF THE  
5 COMMUNITY AND BEYOND WHO WILL MISS HER DEARLY. MR. MAYOR AND  
6 COLLEAGUES, THAT CONCLUDES MY ADJOURNING MOTIONS.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECOND WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.  
9 SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

10

11 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE  
12 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JOHN LEONARD COLENBACK.  
13 LONGTIME RESIDENT OF WEST HOLLYWOOD RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AT  
14 THE AGE OF 79. HE WAS AN ACCOMPLISHED ACTOR, TALENTED  
15 CALLIGRAPHER AND WATER COLORIST, SKILLED GOURMET CHEF. BORN IN  
16 TOLEDO, OHIO, HE DISCOVERED HIS PASSION AND TALENT FOR THEATER  
17 AND PERFORMING WHILE STILL IN HIGH SCHOOL. CONTINUED HIS  
18 TRAINING IN THE THEATER PROGRAM AT DARTMOUTH, WHERE HE  
19 GRADUATED IN 1957. SUMMER STOCK IN SMALL ROLES ON AND OFF  
20 BROADWAY FOLLOWED. HE BEGAN APPEARING REGULARLY ON DAYTIME  
21 TELEVISION IN "AS THE WORLD TURNS" AND OCCASIONAL GUEST  
22 APPEARANCES IN PRIME TIME COMEDY AND DRAMA. FRIENDS MARVELED  
23 AT HIS ENCYCLOPEDIC KNOWLEDGE OF FILM HISTORY AND CHERISHED  
24 HIS QUICK WIT AND GIFT FOR STORYTELLING. IN 1980 HE RELOCATED  
25 TO HOLLYWOOD, ACTING WHEN HE COULD, WORKING FOR THE CATERER

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1 "ALONG CAME MARY" BETWEEN GIGS. LIFELONG SUPPORTER OF  
2 PROGRESSIVE CAUSES, HIS SPECIAL PASSIONS WERE THE NAMES  
3 PROJECT AND VARIOUS L.G.B.T. CAUSES, HAVING LOST SO MANY  
4 FRIENDS TO THE A.I.D.S. EPIDEMIC. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS  
5 SIBLINGS, LLOYD JAY COLENBACK, JR., THE HONORABLE JUDITH  
6 COLENBACK SAVAGE, TIMOTHY LLOYD COLENBACK, GERARD MOSEBY  
7 COLENBACK, RICHARD BREED III, AMALLIA H. BREED, JOHN W.  
8 COLENBACK, JARED S. COLENBACK, OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS AND MANY  
9 FRIENDS. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY WE ADJOURN IN  
10 MEMORY OF MONICA LEWIS, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF THE THIRD  
11 DISTRICT IN SAN FERNANDO VALLEY RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AT THE  
12 AGE OF 93. BORN IN CHICAGO TO MUSICAL PARENTS, HER MOTHER WAS  
13 AN OPERA SINGER, HER FATHER A CONDUCTOR, SHE CAME BY HER VOCAL  
14 TALENT EARLY ON. AFTER THE FAMILY RELOCATED TO NEW YORK DURING  
15 THE DEPRESSION, SHE PURSUED SINGING. AND BY THE AGE OF 17,  
16 DESPITE STILL BEING UNDER AGE, SHE WAS SINGING PROFESSIONALLY  
17 IN LOCAL CLUBS. SHE WENT ON TO BECOME A JAZZ AND BIG BAND  
18 SINGER FOR BENNY GOODMAN, AN EARLY PERFORMER ON ED SULLIVAN'S  
19 VERY FIRST T.V. PROGRAM. TOURED WITH THE U.S.O. AND BEGAN  
20 APPEARING IN FILMS AND ON TELEVISION. BUT SHE MAY BE BEST  
21 KNOWN, THOUGH NOT BY NAME, AS THE SAUCY VOICE OF CHIQUITA  
22 BANANA, IN ANIMATED COMMERCIALS INSPIRED BY THE POPULAR SINGER  
23 CARMEN MIRANDA. THE COMPANY'S WEBSITE REPORTS THAT THE 14-YEAR  
24 AD CAMPAIGN WAS SO POPULAR THAT AT ONE POINT IT WAS HEARD 400  
25 TIMES A DAY ON AMERICAN RADIO STATIONS. SHE'S SURVIVED BY TWO

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1 SONS, ROCKY AND MIKE, AND THREE GRANDCHILDREN. HER HUSBAND,  
2 PRODUCER, JENNINGS LANG, PREDECEASED HER IN 1996. AND FINALLY,  
3 MR. MAYOR AND COLLEAGUES, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY,  
4 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ROBERT CHARTOFF, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF  
5 THE THIRD DISTRICT IN SANTA MONICA, A PROMINENT MOVIE PRODUCER  
6 WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 81 AFTER A TWO-YEAR  
7 BATTLE WITH PANCREATIC CANCER. WITH HIS PARTNER, IRWIN  
8 WINKLER, HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR PRODUCING THE ORIGINAL "POINT  
9 BLANK," THE SIX "ROCKY" FILMS, THE MARTIN SCORSESE, ROBERT DE  
10 NIRO CLASSIC "RAGING BULL," "THE RIGHT STUFF," "THEY SHOOT  
11 HORSES, DON'T THEY?" AND MANY OTHERS. BORN IN NEW YORK, HIS  
12 FATHER WILLIAM WAS A CELLIST AND BASS PLAYER FOR THE NEW YORK  
13 PHILHARMONIC. BOTH HE AND HIS WIFE BESSIE ENCOURAGED THEIR  
14 SONS' ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY ASPIRATIONS. HE GOT HIS FIRST  
15 TASTE OF SHOWBIZ WORKING FOR HIS UNCLE, A TALENTED BOOKER FOR  
16 MORE THAN 100 RESORTS IN THE CATSKILLS AND ELSEWHERE ON THE  
17 EAST COAST. HIS SKILL IN IDENTIFYING AND MANAGING ACTING  
18 TALENT SMOOTHLY TRANSITIONED INTO PRODUCING WHERE HE FOUND HIS  
19 GREATEST SUCCESS AND SATISFACTION. BUT DESPITE HIS  
20 PROFESSIONAL DEMANDS, HE MADE TIME FOR MUCH CHARITABLE  
21 INVOLVEMENT, INCLUDING HELPING TO FOUND THE JENNIFER SCHOOL IN  
22 INDIA, BRINGING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO THOUSANDS OF  
23 IMPOVERISHED CHILDREN THERE. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, JENNY  
24 RAYMOND CHARTOFF, HIS CHILDREN WILLIAM, MIRANDA, CHARLEY,  
25 JULIE AND JENNIFER AND 10 GRANDCHILDREN. THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.

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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECOND WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

3 I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF THE FOLLOWING. AARON

4 DAVID KAY WHO PASSED AWAY ON JUNE 7TH. HE WAS A GRADUATE OF

5 U.C.L.A., SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR CORPS. LATER BECAME

6 A CUB SCOUT AND BOY SCOUT MASTER LEADER. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS

7 WIFE FRADELLE, AND THEIR FIVE CHILDREN AND A BROTHER SAUL.

8 WILLIAM "BILL" HENRY PULSKAMP, FATHER OF THE FORMER CITY

9 MANAGER FOR SANTA CLARITA VALLEY AND NOW INTERIM CITY MANAGER

10 FOR PALMDALE, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 85. SERVED IN THE

11 UNITED STATES ARMY DURING THE KOREAN WAR AND WORKED FOR THE

12 BATESVILLE CASKET COMPANY. HE WAS ALSO ACTIVE AT ST. ANTHONY'S

13 PARISH. SURVIVED BY WIFE AND TWO SONS AND TWO SIBLINGS. JEAN

14 ANNE PENDRAY PASSED AWAY MAY 18TH. SHE WORKED FOR J.T. JENKINS

15 TRUCKING COMPANY. SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, THREE SONS, SISTER

16 AND GRANDCHILDREN AND THREE GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. FORMER MAYOR,

17 COUNCILMEMBER FOR THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, DAVID MARGRAVE

18 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 66. HE SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES

19 NAVY. WAS THE OWNER OF MORROW AND HOLMAN AND PLUMBING. SERVED

20 AS COUNCILMAN BETWEEN 1982 AND '86, AND AGAIN FROM 2003 TO

21 2007. HE WAS QUITE INVOLVED WITH THE SOUTH PASADENA FOURTH OF

22 JULY PARADE AND THE CITY'S SUCCESSFUL AWARD-WINNING ROSE

23 FLOAT. SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE DIANE AND THEIR SON SCOTT AND

24 DAUGHTER KELLY. WESLEY PAULUS, RETIRED SERGEANT WITH THE LOS

25 ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. PASSED AWAY ON APRIL

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1 20TH. AND HAROLD SANSBURY, RETIRED LOS ANGELES COUNTY SERGEANT  
2 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT PASSED AWAY ON MAY 9TH. SECONDED BY  
3 SUPERVISOR KNABE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. PUBLIC  
4 COMMENT? OH, SORRY, SUPERVISOR KNABE.

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6 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. I MOVE TODAY THAT WE ADJOURN  
7 IN MEMORY, I JUST FOUND THIS OUT, OF [PAXTON] "PACKY" OFFIELD,  
8 LONGTIME PERSONAL FRIEND AND SUPPORTER WHO PASSED AWAY ON JUNE  
9 14TH, THIS PAST SUNDAY AFTER A BATTLE WITH LEUKEMIA. HE WAS  
10 CHAIRMAN OF THE BENEFACTOR MEMBERS OF SANTA CATALINA ISLAND  
11 CONSERVANCY FORMED IN 1972 BY THE WRIGLEY'S AND HIS MOTHER  
12 DOROTHY. HE WAS THE CONSERVANCY'S FIRST CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD.  
13 HE WAS ALSO DIRECTOR AND OFFICER OF THE ISLAND COMPANY.  
14 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE SUSAN, CHILDREN CHASE, CALEN AND KELSEY,  
15 STEPSON REX. THREE GRANDCHILDREN. BROTHER JAMES. HE WILL BE  
16 GREATLY MISSED BY ALL FOR HIS STEADY GUIDANCE AND ADVICE TO  
17 MANY. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ANOTHER DEAR FRIEND,  
18 BILL HOLT, PASSED AWAY JUNE 14TH. HE'S A RETIRED ATTORNEY AND  
19 SERVED AS CITY MANAGER OF PARAMOUNT FOR MANY, MANY YEARS. ALSO  
20 AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE G.A.P.A. AND AS A CITY  
21 PROSECUTOR. HE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN CREATING THE CONTRACT  
22 CITIES LIABILITY TRUST FUND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, AMONGST MANY  
23 OTHER THINGS. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS THREE CHILDREN, HEATHER,  
24 HOLLIE AND ZACHARY AND THREE GRANDCHILDREN. HE WAS A WELL  
25 RESPECTED COLLEAGUE. WILL BE TRULY MISSED BY FAMILY AND



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1 FRIENDS WHO KNEW HIM. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF AN  
2 ICON IN LONG BEACH. MR. HENRY MEYER, A LEGENDARY LONG BEACH  
3 BUSINESSMAN AND OWNED HAMBURGER HENRY'S IN LONG BEACH. PASSED  
4 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 89. BORN IN GERMANY AND HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR,  
5 ESCAPED WITH HIS FAMILY TO CHINA BEFORE COMING TO THE U.S.  
6 WITH \$10 IN HIS POCKET. HE ACCOMPLISHED HIS AMERICAN DREAM BY  
7 OPENING HIS RESTAURANT HAMBURGER HENRY'S IN BELMONT SHORE FOR  
8 OVER 30 YEARS. HE WAS VERY ACTIVE THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY, SO  
9 MANY ORGANIZATIONS IT'S HARD TO LIST THEM ALL. BUT HE WILL BE  
10 MISSED BY HIS FAMILY AND THE COMMUNITY. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS  
11 WIFE JEAN AND FOUR CHILDREN AND EIGHT GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO THAT  
12 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF GEORGE WISE III, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF  
13 LONG BEACH WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 91. HE WAS A PARTNER  
14 IN A NUMBER OF LAW FIRMS IN LONG BEACH FOR OVER 60 YEARS. HE  
15 REPRESENTED A VARIETY OF CLIENTELE. AND HE WAS ALSO COUNSEL  
16 FOR THE AMERICAN GOLD STAR MOTHERS IN LITIGATION THAT  
17 ESTABLISHED THE GOLD STAR MANOR IN LONG BEACH IN THE '50S. HE  
18 PARTICIPATED AS COUNSEL ON MANY OTHER SIGNIFICANT CASES IN  
19 LONG BEACH, LOS ANGELES, AROUND THE NATION AND THE WORLD. HE  
20 WAS A MEMBER OF THE VERY PRESTIGIOUS AMERICAN COLLEGE OF TRIAL  
21 LAWYERS. SURVIVED BY HIS FIVE CHILDREN, ERIC, PETER, RAOUL,  
22 JOHN AND ABBE, 11 GRANDCHILDREN AND FIVE GREAT GRANDCHILDREN.  
23 ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ALBERT CASTANON, LONGTIME  
24 WILMINGTON COMMUNITY MEMBER WHO WILL BE DEARLY MISSED. HE IS  
25 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE ROSIE AND DAUGHTER CHRISTINE. ALSO THAT

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1 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF CECIL FLEENER WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE  
2 AGE OF 97. HE SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY. HE WAS A  
3 LIEUTENANT COMMANDER. MET WINSTON CHURCHILL AND JOSEPH STALIN  
4 AT THE CONFERENCE. HE WAS SELECTED BY PRESIDENT TRUMAN IN HIS  
5 ADMINISTRATION IN 1966. HE AND HIS WIFE VIRGINIA AND TWO  
6 CHILDREN SETTLED IN RANCHO PALOS VERDES. HE WAS AN AVID  
7 GARDENER AND PUBLIC SPEAKER AND HE ENJOYED HAWAIIAN MUSIC AND  
8 BIG BAND MUSIC OF THE '40S. HE IS SURVIVED BY WIFE VIRGINIA,  
9 SON WILLIAM AND DAUGHTER MARY. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY  
10 OF JOHN FLOOD, JR., A FORMER MAYOR OF PALOS VERDES ESTATES,  
11 PASSED AWAY LAST MONTH AT HIS HOME IN WASHINGTON STATE AFTER A  
12 LONG BATTLE WITH THE LEWY BODY DISEASE AT THE AGE OF 85. HE  
13 SERVED AS MAYOR FOR TWO TERMS IN 2001 AND 2006 AND WAS A  
14 MEMBER OF THE P.V. COUNCIL FROM '99 TO 2007. HE SERVED DURING  
15 THE KOREAN WAR. HE WAS C.E.O. OF TICOR TITLE IN DOWNTOWN LOS  
16 ANGELES AND LIVED IN PALOS VERDES ESTATES FOR 38 YEARS WHERE  
17 RAISED HIS TWO CHILDREN. SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE DOROTHY,  
18 CHILDREN BETH, BRIAN, FIVE GRANDCHILDREN, ONE GREAT  
19 GRANDCHILD. GREAT GUY, WILL BE TRULY MISSED. THOSE ARE MY  
20 ADJOURNMENTS, MR. MAYOR. I DO HAVE A MOTION I'D LIKE TO READ  
21 IN FOR BUDGET DELIBERATIONS AND THAT IS A FORMER OFFICER-  
22 INVOLVED SHOOTING DEATH AND CUSTODY REVIEW TEAM HAS BEEN IN  
23 THE PLANNING STAGES AMONGST OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS FOR A  
24 NUMBER OF YEARS NOW. THE CORONER HAS REPORTED THAT THE REVIEW  
25 TEAM WILL BEGIN THE INTAKE OF CASES STARTING JULY 1ST OF THIS

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1 YEAR. I FULLY SUPPORT THIS EFFORT AND BELIEVE THE COUNTY  
2 SHOULD FUND THIS WORK AT A LEVEL NECESSARY FOR IT TO BE BOTH  
3 AN EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE TEAM EFFORT. FURTHER, I BELIEVE  
4 THIS BOARD SHOULD BE MORE FULLY INFORMED OF THE O.I.S. DEATH  
5 IN CUSTODY REVIEW TEAM MEMBERSHIP AND PROCEDURES. SO I WOULD  
6 MOVE THAT THE BOARD DIRECT THE INTERIM C.E.O. TO REPORT BACK  
7 AT OUR DELIBERATIONS MEETING ON JUNE 22ND WITH MORE  
8 INFORMATIVE DETAIL REGARDING THE O.I.S. DEATH AND CUSTODY  
9 REVIEW TEAM AS WELL AS PROVIDE THE BOARD WITH A RECOMMENDATION  
10 THAT ENSURES THIS NEW REVIEW TEAM WILL BE FUNDED AT A LEVEL IN  
11 CONCURRENCE WITH THE CORONER, WHICH MAKES THESE CASES AMONG  
12 THE HIGHEST PRIORITIES. THAT'S FOR NEXT WEEK. THOSE ARE MY  
13 ADJOURNMENTS. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AGAIN WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.  
16 WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT. IN LANCASTER, FRAN SARASARIS, MICHAEL  
17 JENKINS. FRAN?

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19 **SPEAKER:** ONE MOMENT. SHE'S COMING.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. AND THEN AFTER FRAN  
22 WILL BE MICHAEL JENKINS AND THEN DIANA BEARD-WILLIAMS. THOSE  
23 WHO WANT TO COME UP HERE WOULD BE ROBERT LUCAS ERIC PREVEN.  
24 JOSE MARTINEZ. IRENE PANG. GOOD AFTERNOON. GOOD AFTERNOON.

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1   **FRAN SARASARIS:** DO I SPEAK NOW?

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3   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YES, JUST SPEAK.

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5   **FRAN SARASARIS:** OH, HI. MY NAME IS FRAN SARASARIS. GOOD

6 AFTERNOON, MAYOR ANTONOVICH, CITY COUNCIL, I MEAN SUPERVISORS.

7 I WENT TO THE ANTELOPE VALLEY QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

8 MEETING THIS MORNING. AND I WANTED TO SPEAK ON THAT BECAUSE

9 WE'RE TRYING TO GET THE BUS SYSTEM FOR THE SENIORS SO THEY

10 DON'T HAVE TO PAY THE BUS FARES AND FOR THE DISABLED, AS WELL,

11 AND FOR OUR STUDENTS THAT HAVE TO TAKE THREE BUSES TO GET FROM

12 ONE CAMPUS IN PALMDALE TO LANCASTER. AND OUR VICE MAYOR CHRIS

13 SAID THERE IS A FUND, A.B.2766 I BELIEVE IT IS THAT WE CAN

14 HELP GIVE TO THE ANTELOPE TRANSIT AUTHORITY TO SUBSIDIZE SOME

15 OF THE MONIES THAT ARE NEEDED TO REDUCE THE COST OF GIVING US

16 FREEDING OF RIDING THE BUSES FREE. I BELIEVE IT'S \$150 TO

17 \$200,000. LANCASTER IS WILLING TO GIVE ABOUT 50 AND THE

18 SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES ARE, AS WELL. BUT MR. LEDFORD, MAYOR

19 OF PALMDALE WOULDN'T-- HE KIND OF STOPPED THE VOTING BECAUSE

20 HE SAID HE WASN'T FULLY-- HAD ALL THE INFORMATION HE NEEDED. I

21 DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY HE DIDN'T. THIS WASN'T DONE JUST

22 YESTERDAY. ALSO REAL QUICK BECAUSE I KNOW MY TIME IS RUNNING

23 OUT. ON THE MONIES WHERE THE T.H.S. GIVERS GOING UP TO \$15. I

24 THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THEM. BUT EXPLICITLY WHEN IS IT GOING

25 TO TAKE PLACE? IS IT GOING TO BE JANUARY 5, OF 2016? OR IS

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1 THIS GOING TO BE THE PIECEMEAL WITHIN 5 YEARS. THAT'S A  
2 QUESTION. AND ALSO WANT TO THANK YOU REAL QUICK FOR THE  
3 LANCASTER SENIOR CENTER. WE'RE GOING FORWARD AND WE'VE GOT THE  
4 GREEN GRASSY AREA. AND IT LOOKS VERY, VERY FAVORABLE. AND I  
5 THANK YOU ALL VERY, VERY SUPER MUCH.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MICHAEL JENKINS.  
8 THANK YOU, HAVE A GOOD AFTERNOON.

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10 **FRAN SARASARIS:** THANK YOU. BYE-BYE. MICHAEL JENKINS?

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12 **ROBERT LUCAS:** GOOD AFTERNOON ONCE AGAIN. MY NAME IS ROBERT  
13 LUCAS.

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15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MR. JENKINS.

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17 **ROBERT LUCAS:** OH, WE'RE UP NORTH STILL.

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YES, SIR.

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21 **MICHAEL JENKINS:** MY NAME IS MICHAEL JENKINS. I'M AN ACTIVIST  
22 FOR THE DISABLED. AND I CAME BACK AGAIN THIS WEEK BECAUSE OF  
23 THE FACT THAT I'M ASKING FOR A MEETING WITH ONE OF YOUR STAFF  
24 MEMBERS BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT WHAT'S GOING ON IN THESE  
25 GROUP HOMES. WHAT'S GOING ON IN THESE GROUP HOMES IS

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1 UNACCEPTABLE, OKAY. THEY GOT PEOPLE OUT THERE PICKING UP  
2 TRASH. THEY GOT PEOPLE UP THERE PICKING UP CANS AND STUFF LIKE  
3 THAT. THEY GOT PEOPLE IN THE GROUP HOMES, LIKE THE DAVENPORT  
4 HOME, THAT HAVE BEEN BEATEN. MY DAUGHTER WAS BEATEN UP TWICE  
5 IN THAT GROUP HOME. I'M ASKING YOU, MIKE, FOR A MEETING WITH  
6 ONE OF YOUR STAFF MEMBERS SO THIS CAN STOP. OKAY. THIS STUFF  
7 HAS GOT TO STOP. OKAY. I GREW UP IN SOUTH CENTRAL L.A., OKAY.  
8 I WENT TO MANUAL ARTS HIGH, OKAY. MY SISTER, CHARMAINE JENKINS  
9 IS AN ALUMNI WITH SUPERVISOR THOMAS, OKAY. SUPERVISOR THOMAS  
10 KNOWS MY FAMILY. HE KNEW MY BROTHER EDWARD PHILIP JENKINS WHO  
11 PASSED AWAY LAST YEAR, OKAY. SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS IS  
12 DOING EXCELLENT THINGS FOR HIS COMMUNITY. I'M ASKING FOR YOU  
13 TO STEP UP, MIKE, AND DO THE SAME THING FOR THE ANTELOPE  
14 VALLEY. STOP THIS, AS DR. WILLIAMS SAYS, FROM BEING A  
15 PLANTATION, FROM BEING A PLANTATION FOR JUST NOT ONLY THE  
16 MENTAL BUT THE DISABLED, AS WELL. THIS LADY THAT JUST WENT  
17 BEFORE ME IS DISABLED. WE NEED TO STOP THIS, OKAY? STOP IT  
18 WITH WEST PARIS. STOP IT WITH ALL THESE OTHER PEOPLE. PLEASE,  
19 LET US COME TOGETHER AND DO SOMETHING FOR THIS COMMUNITY  
20 INSTEAD OF IT BEING A PLANTATION. I'M TIRED OF DRIVING DOWN  
21 THE STREET SEEING THE DISABLED PICK UP GARBAGE, SEEING THEM IN  
22 THE PARKS PICKING UP TRASH. THEY DESERVE MUCH MORE THAN THAT.  
23 THEY DESERVE A LOT MUCH MORE THAN THAT. THEY DESERVE A HAND UP  
24 NOT A HANDOUT. PLEASE LET'S DO THIS TOGETHER. IF MARK WAS ON  
25 THIS BOARD, HE WOULD DO SOMETHING, OKAY? MARK, I APPLAUD YOU.

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1 I APPLAUD YOU FOR THE MARTIN LUTHER KING FOUNDATION, FOR THE  
2 HOSPITAL, FOR THE THINGS THAT YOU DO, MARK. I APPLAUD YOU.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

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6 **MICHAEL JENKINS:** YOU'RE EXCELLENT, MARK. KEEP UP THE GOOD  
7 WORK. WE LOVE YOU.

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE LOVE MARK, TOO. THANK YOU.

10

11 **MICHAEL JENKINS:** IT'S HARD TO BE A TOILER. IT'S EVEN HARDER  
12 BEING DISABLED, MARK. LOVE YOU. LOVE YOU.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. WE'LL HAVE SOMEBODY CONTACT YOU.

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16 **MICHAEL JENKINS:** PLEASE DO.

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DIANA WILLIAMS.

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20 **MICHAEL JENKINS:** THANK YOU, MARK.

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR:** MISS WILLIAMS?

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24 **DIANA WILLIAMS:** EXCUSE ME FOR WEARING MY SUNGLASSES, BUT I  
25 SUFFER FROM MIGRAINES. IF I GOT THAT MUCH LOVE MARK, I DON'T



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1 KNOW WHAT I WOULD DO AND HOW I WOULD GO HOME TONIGHT TO EVEN  
2 MATCH IT. THE REASON WHY I'M HERE TODAY IS THE REASON WHY I'VE  
3 BEEN HERE FOR 20 YEARS. I HAVE BEFORE ME MY DOCUMENT THAT I  
4 HAVE WAITED FOR MANY YEARS TO PUBLISH AND HAVE STRUGGLED ON  
5 WHETHER OR NOT TO PUBLISH IT. IT HAS TO DO WITH THE CORRUPTION  
6 THAT HAS GONE ON IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. AS YOU CAN SEE, IT'S  
7 A VERY COMPREHENSIVE DOCUMENT. I WORKED FOR MANY YEARS, 12  
8 YEARS OR SO FOR LEDFORD, I WORKED FOR REX. I'VE WATCHED MONEY  
9 BE CARRIED IN SUITCASES. I KNOW MANY THINGS, MIKE, THAT YOU  
10 KNOW I KNOW IN TERMS OF HOW MONEY IS MADE AND HOW CORRUPTION  
11 IS DONE. I CANNOT POSSIBLY HAVE THIS ENTIRE DOCUMENT ADDRESSED  
12 WHICH I WILL PUT DOWN ON THE MARKET. I HAVE PUBLISHERS WHO ARE  
13 MORE THAN WILLING TO READ THIS BECAUSE THIS IS A MANUAL THAT  
14 COULD BE USED BY EVERY AMERICAN IN THIS COUNTRY THAT SHOWS  
15 CORRUPTION FROM SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO LAND  
16 DEALS TO WATER DEALS, ET CETERA. I WAS THERE. I SAW IT. I  
17 DON'T KNOW WHY. BUT MY TWO MAIN ISSUES THAT I AM WILLING TO  
18 LIVE WITH AS OPPOSED TO PUTTING OUT THIS DOCUMENT HAVE TO DO  
19 WITH C.S.U.N., CAL STATE UNIVERSITY NORTHRIDGE WHERE I KNOW  
20 JOLENE COASTER, TOM BROWN, RANDY RENARDO, JILL SMITH, LARRY  
21 BILLINGSLEY, TERRY VELASCO LOXTON WERE ENGAGED IN MALFEASANCE,  
22 MISHANDLING OF FUNDS. AND COMMISSIONER KUEHL, YOU TALK ABOUT  
23 PEOPLE NOT HAVING MONEY. THERE'S MONEY THERE, MONEY WE'VE  
24 ALLOWED TO BE STOLEN HAS GONE OUT THE BACK DOOR. MY OTHER  
25 ISSUE IS THAT I WANT IT ADDRESSED IN TERMS OF THEIR PENSIONS.

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1 I WANT THE MONEY BACK. THE OTHER THING, INVESTIGATION I WANT,  
2 MIKE, IS THE PALMDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT. I WILL NOT DIE. AND  
3 I'VE TOLD YOU THIS BEFORE. UNTIL NANCY SMITH, O'MELVENY AND  
4 MYERS, JAMES VOSS, RICHARD MCCLEAN THE DEVELOPER WHO MADE \$2  
5 MILLION OVER A \$10,000 ESCROW. I CAN GO ON. BRENDA YARDEAN,  
6 CATHERINE DURAN, WHO CURRENTLY WORK FORH THE HIGH SCHOOL  
7 DISTRICT. I HAVE SEEN PEOPLE STEAL MONEY FROM CHILDREN. YOU  
8 KNOW IT, MIKE. IT'S IN THIS BOOK. I WILL PUT IT OUT JANUARY  
9 2016. IF YOU AND I CANNOT SIT DOWN, MIKE, AND DEAL WITH THESE  
10 ISSUES. THOSE ARE THE ONLY TWO ISSUES. I CAN'T STOP REX. NOT  
11 INTERESTED IN BEING DEAD IN THE DESERT. BUT WE CAN DEAL WITH  
12 THE PALMDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND WE CAN DEAL WITH C.S.U.N.  
13 WHICH HAS HAD DRINKING, DRUGS, ALCOHOL IN ITS P.P.M.  
14 DEPARTMENT. PEOPLE DYING. PEOPLE, THEY GIVE UP SEX FOR JOBS.  
15 IT'S THERE.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. MR. PREVEN?

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19 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES. IT'S ERIC PREVEN. THANK YOU FOR AN  
20 INTERESTING MEETING TODAY. THE L.L.C. PROBLEM WE'RE HAVING  
21 DOWN HERE AT THE COUNTY IS THAT PEOPLE ARE DOING BUSINESS WITH  
22 L.A. COUNTY, IDENTIFYING THEMSELVES MERELY AS AN ADDRESS AND  
23 L.L.C.. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT GOING FORWARD THAT WE REQUIRE  
24 L.L.C.S TO INCLUDE ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE L.L.C. BY NAME AND  
25 ALSO THAT IF THEY HAVE ADDITIONAL COUNTY CONTRACTS, THAT WE

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1 UNDERSTAND THAT BY CASE. I THINK THAT WILL HELP WITH THE  
2 TRANSPARENCY PROGRAM THAT SUPERVISOR KUEHL WAS FOCUSING ON AND  
3 ALSO THE LOBBYIST ACTIVITY FOR PARTICULAR CONTRACTS SHOULD  
4 ALSO BE DISCLOSED BECAUSE IT'S NOT WORKING THAT WELL DREDGING  
5 THAT STUFF UPWARD. I WOULD LIKE TO SAY, IT'S VERY INTERESTING  
6 TODAY. JUNE 21 HAS BEEN EARMARKED BY THREE SEPARATE  
7 SUPERVISORS AS DIFFERENT DAYS FOR CELEBRATIONS. SUPERVISOR  
8 SOLIS, FATHER'S DAY, I THINK KNABE, YOGA DAY AND SOMEBODY GOT  
9 MAKE MUSIC DAY WHICH IS A GOOD ONE, TOO. I'M DELIGHTED ABOUT  
10 THAT. BUT I GET CONFUSED WHEN I HEAR THAT ONLY THREE OF THE  
11 SUPERVISORS ARE SUPPORTING THE MENDOZA PROGRAM. THIS IS THE  
12 BILL TO AUGMENT THE SIZE OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
13 WHICH IS VERY INTERESTING ISSUE OBVIOUSLY, YES? I THINK ONLY  
14 TWO PEOPLE ABSTAINED IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN FROM THE VOTE. NOW I  
15 DON'T KNOW IF THAT MEANS THERE'S A FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER GOING  
16 UP OR JUST THREE-SIGNATURE LETTER OR FIVE SIGNATURE WITH A  
17 LITTLE ABSTENTION OFF TO THE SIDE. I DON'T KNOW. IT'S  
18 CONFUSING. BUT SIR, I WILL DISCUSS WITH YOU-- BUT NOT DURING  
19 MY-- JUST WO;; PAY ATTENTION TO THAT. AND, YOU KNOW THE OTHER  
20 THING THAT I WANTED TO SAY IS THAT ON THE THIRD OF JULY,  
21 SUPERVISOR SOLIS IS GOING OUT OF HER WAY, AND IT'S VERY NICE  
22 TO PROVIDE SOME FREE PARKING AT LOT 26 AND LOT 17. BUT IT  
23 DOESN'T SPECIFY FOR WHOM THAT IS PROPOSED. IS IT FIRST-COME,  
24 FIRST-SERVED OR IS IT HANDED OUT TO THE FOLKS THAT WE KNOW AND  
25 LOVE? BECAUSE I DO THINK THAT WE SHOULD MAKE THOSE KINDS OF

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1 THINGS AVAILABLE FOR THE FOLKS WHO COME DOWN TO BOARD  
2 MEETINGS. I'VE TALKED ABOUT THE CIVIC ENGAGEMENT PARKING  
3 SUBSIDY WITH MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS WHO IS GOING TO TAKE A LEADING  
4 ROLE IN PROVIDING THAT FOR THE GOOD RESIDENTS OF OUR COUNTY.  
5 IN CONCLUSION, I WANT TO SAY WHY THE ITEM--

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

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9 **ERIC PREVEN:** LET ME FINISH. ONE SENTENCE, SIR, BECAUSE YOU  
10 GAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE A LITTLE EXTRA. IT'S GOING TO BE VERY  
11 BRIEF, BUT THE PLAYERS CLUB FROM AMERICAN GOLF THEY NEED TO  
12 DISCLOSE HOW MANY FEES THEY'RE GETTING PER MONTH, PER COURSE,  
13 AS REQUESTED, BECAUSE WHAT THEY OFFERED WAS SOMETHING ELSE.  
14 AND I'M VERY APPRECIATIVE--

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I DON'T PLAY GOLF. LET ME ALSO CALL UP  
17 ARNOLD SACHS AND DAVID SERRANO. YES, MR. LUCAS.

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19 **ROBERT LUCAS:** GOOD AFTERNOON ONCE AGAIN. MAN, I'VE NEVER BEEN  
20 AROUND SO MANY PEOPLE THAT ARE IN NEED OF HUGS TODAY IN MY  
21 LIFE. OH NO WAY, MAN, I WAS IN PRISON, SO I HAVE BEEN AROUND  
22 OF PEOPLE WHO NEED HUGS. THE THING ABOUT IT IS I'M VERY  
23 GRATEFUL TODAY, RIGHT? FOUR MORE DAYS AND I DISCHARGE THIS  
24 A.B.109. I'VE GOTTO THANK A FEW PEOPLE. DEPUTY PROBATION  
25 OFFICER SCHUTZ DEPUTY PROBATION OFFICER CICCONE. ALL OF THE

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1 INDIVIDUALS THAT TOLERATED MY WHINING AND POINTED ME IN THE  
2 RIGHT DIRECTION. ALSO, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HERE FOR  
3 ALLOWING ME TO COME AND DO WHAT EVERY PERSON IS ABLE TO DO AND  
4 KIND OF LISTEN. I GUESS THAT MEANT MORE TO ME THAN ANYTHING  
5 ELSE. ON THE 25TH OF THIS MONTH, WE GOT THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS  
6 COMING UP. I'M GOING TO GO DOWN AND VOLUNTEER DOWN THERE. YOU  
7 KNOW FOR ALL THE OTHER INDIVIDUALS THAT DEVELOPED SUCH ISSUE  
8 THAT COMES FROM A PLACE OF BEING VERY UGLY, AND YOUR LIFE IS  
9 OVERLY COMPLICATED, YOU THINK. GO DOWN AND VOLUNTEER AND DO  
10 SOMETHING AT THESE SPECIAL OLYMPICS. IF YOU CAN HUMBLE  
11 YOURSELF ENOUGH TO TAKE YOURSELF OFF OF WHATEVER PEDESTAL YOU  
12 PUT YOURSELF ON AND GO GIVE BACK TO SOMEBODY WHO TRULY  
13 DESERVES IT. IT MIGHT EVEN SOFTEN YOUR HEART ENOUGH THAT  
14 YOU'LL FIND THE LOVE INSIDE YOURSELF. AND THAT, IN TURN, YOU  
15 CAN SHARE WITH THE PEOPLE AROUND YOU.

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. MR. SERRANO.

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19 **DAVID SERRANO:** JEHOVAH GOD IS THE FATHER AND THE SON AND THE  
20 HOLY SPIRIT. THE LORD JEHOVAH OUR GOD, JEHOVAH IS ONE, AMEN,  
21 HALLELUJAH. JEHOVAH IS THE ONE AND ONLY GOD. JEHOVAH IS THE  
22 CREATOR OF THE HEAVEN AND THE UNIVERSE. JESUS IS JEHOVAH. THE  
23 LORD GOD JESUS CHRIST CREATED HEAVEN AND THE UNIVERSE, AMEN.  
24 THE LORD HAS GIVEN US PROPHETIC TIME SCALE LIKE IT IS WRITTEN  
25 IN PSALM 90 AND 2 PETER. ONE DAY IS LIKE 1,000 YEARS. ALL

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1 PROPHECIES ONLY COME FROM JEHOVAH GOD, AMEN, AMEN. LIKE IT IS  
2 RECORDED IN THE HOLY BIBLE IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION THE  
3 LIVING GOD, JESUS CHRIST, PROPHESED THERE WILL BE A GREAT  
4 EARTHQUAKE ON THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SAN ANDREAS FAULT THAT  
5 DEVASTATES REGIONS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AS BIG STORM WITH  
6 THUNDER AND LIGHTNING DARKENS THE SKY OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY.  
7 IN A YEAR THE MOON IS BLOOD RED AND THE MOUNTAINS AND ISLANDS  
8 WILL BE MOVED OUT OF PLACE BECAUSE OF THE HORIZONTAL  
9 DISPLACEMENT. READ REVELATION 10:1-10:11. THEN 6:12 TO 6:17. A  
10 BLOOD MOON LUNAR ECLIPSE WILL HAPPEN ON SEPTEMBER 28, 2015  
11 A.D. AND 8 SETS OF TETRAD LUNAR ECLIPSES WILL HAPPEN IN THE  
12 21ST CENTURY A.D. THAT'S PRETTY RARE. ANOTHER THING THAT'S  
13 GOING ON RIGHT NOW IS THERE CERTAINLY APPEARS THAT THERE'S  
14 GOING TO BE AT THE VERY LEAST A MILD EL NINO SO WE'RE GOING TO  
15 GET SOME RAIN. REVELATION 10:3 AND 10:4, THE SEVEN THUNDERS  
16 SOUNDED. A LIGHTNING STORM WILL BE OVER LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND  
17 WILL DARKEN THE SKY. REVELATION 10:1 TO 10:11 IS ABOUT MANY  
18 THINGS, WHILE 10:1 TO 10:5 IS ABOUT GEOGRAPHY. LOS ANGELES IS  
19 THE CITY OF ANGELS GOD CALLS THE JEWS FIGS IN JEREMIAH CHAPTER  
20 24. IN REVELATION 6:12 TO 6:17, THE STARS ARE THE STARS OF  
21 HOLLYWOOD AND THE HOLLYWOOD FALLS, THE FALLING STARS AND THE  
22 FALLING HOLLYWOOD HILLS. HALLELUJAH, AMEN. THE LORD OUR GOD  
23 REIGNS. HALLELUJAH, JEHOVAH REIGNS FOR INFINITY, AMEN.  
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25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. SACHS.

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2   **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. FASCINATING BIT OF INFORMATION  
3   ON TODAY'S AGENDA. I REALLY LIKE LISTENING TO PEOPLE FROM  
4   PALMDALE DISCUSS THE BRIDGE TO NOWHERE. TOOK ME A WHILE TO  
5   FIGURE OUT WHAT IT WAS. HUELL HOWSER DID A STORY ABOUT THAT. A  
6   BRIDGE OVER A GORGE WITH NO ACCESS ROADS TO IT. NOW, IF YOU  
7   PROJECT THAT, THINK ABOUT THE BLUE LINE AND THE GOLD LINE,  
8   WHICH IS THE SAME, TECHNICALLY THE SAME LIGHT RAIL LINE WITH A  
9   GAP BETWEEN THE TWO OF THEM. YOU COULD PUT IT ON THE BRIDGE TO  
10   NOWHERE, EXCEPT THIS BRIDGE, THIS FILLING IN THE GAP IS A \$1.6  
11   BILLION PROJECT. THAT METRO LEADERSHIP. ANOTHER LITTLE  
12   SUBJECT. MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS IT'S TOO BAD THE TITANIC ISN'T  
13   AROUND. YOU COULD HAVE SOLD FRESH FISH TO THE PEOPLE WHO WERE  
14   SINKING. I KEPT A COUPLE ARTICLES JUST SO YOU KNOW. THIS ONE  
15   IS FROM GEORGE WILL FROM JULY 6, 2011. "TAXPAYERS FOOT THE  
16   BILL FOR COMPASSION." A LOT OF YOU TALKED OF HIS HONOR, THE  
17   FASTER WE COUNTED OUR SPOONS. THAT'S A QUOTE FROM RALPH WALDO  
18   EMERSON. THIS IS ANOTHER ARTICLE FROM JOHN BOGART, WHO WAS A  
19   COLUMNIST FOR THE "DAILY BREEZE," AND HE'S WRITING IN THIS  
20   ARTICLE. AND THIS IS FROM JAMES O'BRIEN WHO SENT IN THE 2007  
21   WINNING ENTRY FOR AN ANNUAL CONTEST HELD AT TEXAS A&M THAT  
22   CALLS FOR DEFINITION OF CONTEMPORARY TERMS. AS A RESULT,  
23   POLITICAL CORRECTNESS WAS DEFINED AS A DOCTRINE FOSTERED BY A  
24   DELUSIONAL, ILLOGICAL MINORITY AND RABIDLY PROMOTED BY THE  
25   UNSCRUPULOUS MAINSTREAM MEDIA WHICH HOLDS FORTH THAT THE



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1 PROPOSITION THAT IS ENTIRELY POSSIBLE TO PICK UP A TURD BY THE  
2 CLEAN END. THANK YOU, MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS. BLAH, BLAH, BLAH.  
3 ANOTHER ARTICLE I SAVED IN YOUR BENEFIT.

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5 **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN  
6 ACT REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF  
7 SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEMS  
8 NO. C.S.-1 AND C.S.-2, CONFERENCES WITH LEGAL COUNSEL  
9 REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION, ITEM NO. C.S.-3 AND C.S.-4,  
10 CONFERENCES WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE  
11 TO LITIGATION, ITEM NO. C.S.-5, PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT  
12 CONSIDERATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE APPOINTMENT TO THE  
13 POSITION OF COUNTY LIBRARIAN, ITEM NO. C.S.-6, DEPARTMENT HEAD  
14 PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS AND ITEM NO. C.S.-7, CONFERENCE WITH  
15 LABOR NEGOTIATOR SACHI A. HAMAI AND DESIGNATED STAFF, AS  
16 INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. AND ALSO AS A NOTE, ON JUNE  
17 22, MONDAY, WE WILL HAVE BUDGET DELIBERATIONS AT 9:30 A.M.  
18 THANK YOU.

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**REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION JUNE 16, 2015**

CS-1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION

(Paragraph (1) of Subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9) Accent Builders, Inc. v. County of Los Angeles, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 446 694.

This lawsuit alleges a breach of contract related to the La Plaza de Cultura y Artes core and shell rehabilitation and seismic retrofit project. (12-3760)

The Board authorized County Counsel to file an appeal of the adverse judgment against the County in the case entitled Accent Builders, Inc. v. County of Los Angeles, et al. The vote of the Board was unanimous with all Supervisors being present.

CS-2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION

(Paragraph (1) of Subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9) SR&B Boilers dba Heat Transfer v. County of Los Angeles Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. BC490221.

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1 This case involves allegations of breach of contract in  
2 connection with the retrofitting of boilers at three County  
3 facilities. (15-2810)

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5 The Board authorized County Counsel to accept payment of  
6 \$550,000 from American Safety Casualty Company to settle its  
7 involvement in the case entitled SR&B Boilers dba Heat  
8 Transfer v. County of Los Angeles. The vote of the Board was  
9 unanimous with all Supervisors being present.

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11 No reportable action was taken on items CS-3, CS-4 CS-5, CS-6  
12 or CS-7.

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1 I, JENNIFER A. HINES, Certified Shorthand Reporter Number  
2 6029/RPR/CRR qualified in and for the State of California, do  
3 hereby certify:

4 That the transcripts of proceedings recorded by the Los  
5 Angeles County Board of Supervisors June 16, 2015,  
6 were thereafter transcribed into typewriting under my  
7 direction and supervision;

8 That the transcript of recorded proceedings as archived  
9 in the office of the reporter and which have been provided to  
10 the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors as certified by  
11 me.

12 I further certify that I am neither counsel for, nor  
13 related to any party to the said action; nor  
14 in anywise interested in the outcome thereof.

15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this  
16 29th day of June 2015, for the County records to be used only  
17 for authentication purposes of duly certified transcripts  
18 as on file of the office of the reporter.

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20 JENNIFER A. HINES

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